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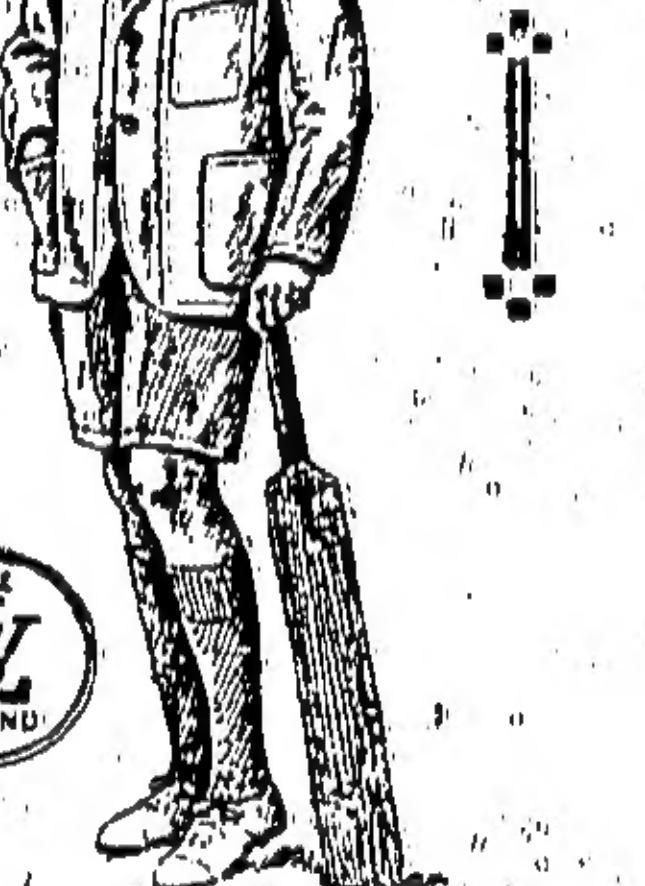
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EUGENE CHEN'S DENIALS.

STRIKERS' ALLEGED ANTAGONISM.

Trouble Over an Interview.

MINISTER "SURROUNDED AND SEVERELY QUESTIONED."

Mr. Eugene Chen (acting Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Nationalist Government at Canton) has been surrounded by strikers (or labourers) and severely questioned, states a special report to the "Kung Sheng Yat Po".

This incident is alleged to be the outcome of remarks attributed to Mr. Chen in an interview with a correspondent of the "Hong Kong Daily Press," published on October 6.



Mr. Eugene Chen (Chen Yuen).

Mr. Chen telegraphed a categorical denial of the interview and subsequently cabled:—"I have to emphasise my repudiation of the interview in your issue of October 6 and of the views expressed in it. They are not the views of my Government nor are they mine."

The article in the "Kung Sheng Yat Po" says that strikers saw the "interview" as published. Boycott & Intimidation.

Translated broadly (it is presumed) into Chinese, the characters quoted can only refer to the following passages mentioned by the "Daily Press":

"The Government are determined to end the boycott."

"Action will be taken to guard against it (possible incidents of intimidation) and anyone found intimidating will be very seriously dealt with."

PERJURY CASE.

ALLEGED FALSE DECLARATION ON OATH.

CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

A case of some interest dealing with probate matters was mentioned before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning when a Chinese appeared on remand charged with a serious offence.

The charge was that on December 17, 1921, the defendant, Chan Chung-ming, now residing at the Koo Cheong Wo, of No. 52, Connaught Road Central, being required by law to make a statement on oath did in a declaration before the Commissioner wilfully state that apart from the property therein set out there was no other property in respect of which estate duty was payable on the death of Chan Sik-to, knowing there was other property, to wit, the share of Chan Sik-to of the face value of \$10,000 in the Yik Cheong firm, of No. 18, Connaught Road Central.

Mr. H. K. Holmes (Crown Solicitor) was for the prosecution and Mr. F. H. Loseby (of Messrs. Lee and Russ) for the defence.

Prosecution Explains.
Addressing the Magistrate, Mr. Holmes said he thought that when His Worship had heard his explanation he would agree to his application for the discharge of the defendant.

The facts, he said, were that the defendant and his elder brother were the executors under the will of their father, Chan Sik-to, who, according to the books of the company, had an interest in the Yik Cheong Hong firm (A. Kwai and Co.) to the extent of \$10,000.

The accounts of the deceased filed with the Estate Duty Commissioner made no reference to the share of \$10,000. Since the

The writer of the Chinese article suggests that the strikers (not necessarily the whole body) were opposed to calling off the blockade.

Those who were concerned got together a number of "labour colleagues" who "surrounded Mr. Eugene Chen and severely questioned him" with regard to the words quoted.

They also fomented opposition to the Foreign Minister, says the article, and as a civil official with no soldiers under him, "almost had no alternative." [This is a broad translation of one passage in the vernacular paper.]

"Absent from Office."

It is also suggested by the same correspondent that because of "continued opposition," after the labourers not being pacified by the denial of the conversation (or interview), Mr. Chen stayed away from office for a number of days during which callers failed to see him.

Then Mr. Eugene Chen is said to have secured the good offices of intermediaries to arrive at an understanding with the strikers. "Not knowing whether mediation would have the desired effect or not," concludes the correspondent, "Mr. Eugene Chen sent another emphatic denial to the 'Hong Kong Daily Press'."

The article referred to appears in to-day's issue of the "Kung Sheng Yat Po" as the "first story" of the day and is given in brief by the "China Mail" as a matter of interest, for what it is worth.

THE WEATHER.

The official weather forecast for Hong Kong, coast and Formosa Channel, till noon tomorrow is—north east winds, moderate; fine.

At 11.20 a.m. the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has decreased moderately at Shanghai and slightly at Guam. It has increased moderately over Japan and slightly over the Philippines. It is nearly stationary elsewhere.

The anticyclone has weakened and is now shown as a belt of high pressure from S.W. China to S.W. Japan.

The monsoon has moderated. Meteorological observation at 6 a.m. to-day were:—barometer 30.07; temperature 65; humidity 54; wind NNE; force 2; weather overcast.

A case was started he had, through Mr. Loseby, seen documents relating to this particular investment which showed that the money had, in fact, been provided by one Ho Shi.

Continuing, Mr. Holmes said that the documents were of such a nature that whilst it was by no means certain whether the \$10,000 should have been included in the accounts or not, it was quite clear that the defendant could not be successfully charged with wilfully making a false declaration. Under those circumstances he asked for permission to withdraw the charge.

Statement for Defence.
Mr. Loseby, for the defence, said that if the case had proceeded further, he would have called evidence in support of Mr. Holmes's statement so far as they were in favour of the defendant.

The facts were that the \$10,000 was to the knowledge of the defendant provided by his cousin, Ho Shi, but the circumstances were such that on point of law a question might possibly arise whether legally the share in the concern belonged to the deceased's estate or to Ho Shi, but the fact remained that the defendant had very properly, in his opinion, excluded from the estate duty accounts this particular item which he believed and knew to be the property of Ho Shi.

After hearing the statements His Worship discharged the defendant.

WAR COUP FAILS.

"Rebels" Withdraw from Shanghai.

SEQUEL TO ANTI-SUN PLOT.

Report of Fukiensese Marching on Swatow.

[By Our Special Correspondent.]

Hsia Chao's plot against Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and the coup to capture Shanghai have failed.

At 4 a.m. on Monday, states a report, his force of Chekiang troops (which had advanced northwards along the railway, from Hangchow, towards Shanghai) began to retire southwards, away from Shanghai.

Reinforcements for Sun Chuan-fang's garrisons have already moved out to the buffer state of Sung-kiang (see map and explanations in this issue). There has been no fighting as the Chekiang "rebels" are falling back.

Tupan Chow Yau-jen of Fukiensese province has also informed Marshal Sun that he will attack Chekiang province from the south.

Explosion on Railway.

General Pei Po-shan (who is highly respected in Shanghai by the Chinese) is believed to have been offered, by Marshal Sun, the governorship of Chekiang province.

SWATOW MENACED.

An "extra" issued by a local vernacular paper states that Fukiensese troops are menacing Swatow.

The report is that on Sunday the Fukiensese counter-attacked the Cantonese and captured Sam-ho, an important base on the Kwangtung side of the frontier.

The Cantonese are stated to have retreated on the city of Chao-chow-fu, the gates of which were closed in defence on Monday.

Merchants there are in a panic, states the despatch and alarm is felt as to Swatow's safety.

vine, and he is going to the spot to keep Hsia Chao's adherents in check.

On Sunday, the Chekiang-ites began to leave Kashing and they are now still further away from their goal. Prior to their departure from this station, a carload of hand grenades is believed to have exploded accidentally, causing some damage.

In a telegram to Sun Chuan-fang's staff in Shanghai, Hsia Chao is said to have protested his innocence and said that he was only sending a small force to ally the people's fears and to protect borders, there being no ulterior motive.

PEACE FAILS.

Chang Kai-shek's General Attack.

Kiukiang, Oct. 14.
The situation, which, for a time, was most likely to be solved amicably through political means, has again been brought to a standstill owing to General Chang Kai-shek's firm resolve to fight it out as well as to the fact that General Tang Sang-chi has collision of opinion with Marshal Sun Chuan-fang over the question of his sphere of influence and the surrender of Wuchang.

The southerners are now carrying out fighting in the form of a general attack with the troops under the command of Generals Fan Chung-shan and Tang Sang-chi holding their own in the district of Tien-chia-chin, General Chang Kai-shek in the region of Nanchang, and General Li Tsung-jen in the sector of Shiu-sui.

It appears, however, that the centre of fighting is at present in the vicinity of Nanchang, where Marshal Sun yesterday despatched two brigades of General Yen Chang-tsung's as reinforcements. It is reported that the allied forces at the front are fighting in sure expectation of victory.

Cantonese Retreat.
The southern troops in the region of Nanchang, as the result of strong pressure by General Yu Shiang-ting's troops, have since noon yesterday beaten a general retreat in the South-western direction, leaving behind some 2,000 killed and wounded. The retreat of the southern troops has been reported as a serious blow to the Cantonese cause.

HACKED TO DEATH.

EARLY MORNING MURDER AT SHAIKUIWAN.

A SECOND MAN INJURED.

Early this morning, shortly after midnight, a Chinese ran amok and hacked one man to death besides injuring another.

The following is the police report:—

Mok Sang, a partner in the Tung On boat building yard, Nam On Kwong, Shaikuiwan West, was aroused from his sleep by hearing screams inside the house, and on looking up saw his brother, Mok Choi, attacking another man named Kwok Man with an axe. Mok Sang snatched the axe away from his brother, and the next sight that met him was Lee Wan, who also slept in the premises, bleeding profusely from wounds.

News of the affray quickly spread in the neighbourhood and it was not long before police officers arrived on the scene and took the assailant into custody. Lee Wan was then found to be dead from the effects of the axe wounds. He had been attacked in his sleep. Before the assailant got on to the other man who was saved in time but not before several wounds were inflicted. This man is expected to recover. Deceased was an apprentice carpenter, 21 years of age.

The police are making investigations in the case, but so far no motive has been found for the fatal assault.

TRAFALGAR DAY.

NAVY LEAGUE OBSERVANCES TO-MORROW.

In connection with the local celebrations of Trafalgar Day to-morrow wreaths will be laid at 11 a.m. on the Cenotaph in Statue Square and at Wanchai by the Hong Kong branch of the Navy League.

In the evening a programme is arranged at the Queen's Theatre when the Band of the East Surrey Regiment will play selections prior to the concert and during the interval.

The first part of the programme consists of songs by Mr. R. A. Green, Mr. L. E. Hopkins and Mrs. Bowen-Smith (accompanists will be Mr. Bowen-Smith and Mr. Longyear) and the second the showing of the epic film "The battle of Zebbrugge."

observed that it will take for General Chang Kai-shek at least a week or two before he can make a second attempt to attack Nanchang by concentrating the 2nd Army and the 4th Army which has hitherto been besieging Wuchang. On the other hand, the southern troops, which had appeared in the district of Tienchiachin, also have been defeated by the allied forces commanded by General Chen Tiao-yuan—"Toho."

Nanchang Attack Broken.

Shanghai, Oct. 15.
A Kiukiang message of yesterday's date states:—In the Nanchang district, the 2nd southern army attempted to make an onslaught upon Nanchang, while the 3rd southern Army assuming the defensive on the left shores of the Kan River, by the Allied forces yesterday commenced a counter-attack on the southern troops with the main body of the 2nd Allied Army as well as with the 3rd Allied Army, with the result that the 3rd southern Army was routed at 10 a.m. to-day and beat a retreat south-westwards. The Allied forces are now pursuing the southern troops. The 2nd southern Army, which is still facing the allied defence forces of Nanchang, part of the 2nd Allied Army, and the Kiangsi troops in the right shores of the Kan River, is in a fix, with the development of the war situation. In this battle, the southern troops sustained very heavy casualties, and the number of the southern captives reaches some 2,000. Part of General Tang Sang-chi's troops made an attack on Wusueh, which place the Anhui troops are now defending, but the attack ended in failure—"Toho."

Moved to Chekiang.

Shanghai, Oct. 16.
The 3rd regiment under General Chow Peng-chi, Lieutenant of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, and who is a prominent directing military officer, has been ordered to move to Chekiang for defensive purposes.

PICKETS AGAIN?

Cargo Sent Back from Kongmoon.

APPLE SHIPMENT FORBIDDEN.

May Have Been a Dislike for Perfumes.

Strikers' organisations are reported to have prevented a shipment of cargo by steamboat from Hong Kong, from being landed at Kongmoon.

It has not been definitely established that pickets were functioning at Pakkai, the port of Kongmoon, but when the s.s. "Wing On" arrived there from Hong Kong, 60 packages of merchandise were not touched and had to be brought back to this port. Passengers went ashore without hindrance.

The only cargo that the "Wing On" carried on that (first) trip was perfumes and apples. The perfume is believed to have been of local Chinese manufacture and the fruit came from America.

All that is known is that the consignees would not, or could not, send coolies or foks to take delivery from the steamboat.

This is the first instance since October 10, on which an allegation has been made that "cargo from Hong Kong must not be worked, supposedly on instruction—to use no other term—from Strike organisations."

Still Improving.
A rumour was current yesterday that one of the "outside" river boats was not particularly keen on taking much cargo. The reason that is said to have been advanced was that a certain part of the passage was very shallow and it was desirable to get through with the least draft. It has not been able to confirm the rumour.

There is little or no change to report in the situation generally beyond evidence which is increasing daily, of the gradual return to normal, both on the harbour and in godowns.

Nam Pak Hong merchants are already looking forward to a satisfactory business settlement at the winter solstice festival (three days before Christmas) while the more optimistic are predicting healthy trade and finances by China New Year at the latest.

Shipping Details.
Yesterday the s.s. "Sai On" brought from Canton 2,487 packages of general cargo.

The "Kwong Fook Cheung" took to Wuchow several hundred packages of merchandise, comprising mostly perfumes, piece-goods and metals.

Exclusive of ocean-going tonnage and ships to ports outside the Canton River delta, the following boats have now resumed the service:—

To Canton (six):—Lungshan, Fatshan, Sai On, Tung On, Kwong Tung, Kwong Sai.

To Kongmoon (two):—Wing On, San Nam Hoi.

To Wuchow (three):—Fook On, Tai Ming, Kwong Fook Cheung.

To Macao (three):—Talsan, Kinsan and Chuen Chow.

To Sha-chung:—one.

To Nam Tau:—three.

To Shekhi:—two tow-boats.

To Taiping:—two tow-boats.

Of the better known steamboats, the "Sui An," "Sui Tai," "Tai Lee," "On Lee," "Charles Hardouin" and "Paul Beau" have yet to resume.

The Wuchow steamer "Kwong Ying" has returned to her wharf.

CANTON'S SURTAXES.

Peking, Oct. 14.
Regarding Canton's proposed imposition of surtaxes on foreign goods, the Chinese (Peking) Government has come to conclusion that it is advisable for the Government at this juncture to express its views to the Foreign Powers, declaring the invalidity of the Canton Government's scheme on the ground that the latter has not gone through due formalities. Accordingly, it was decided, at to-day's meeting of the Cabinet, to instruct the Wai-chiao, the Finance Department, the Revenue Council, and others concerned, to consider definite measures to be taken in connection with the matter—"Toho."

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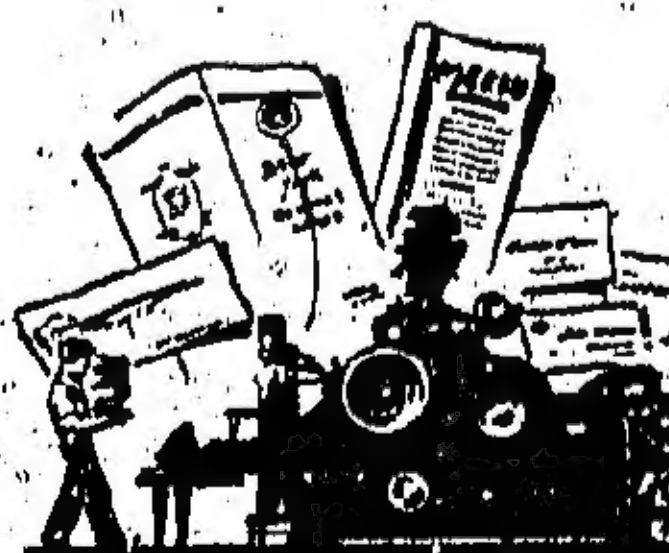
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In Shanghai,

Mr. R. Weeding Skinner, Shanghai Manager.

Mr. V. M. G. Smith, A.C.A., Local Secretary.

For The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited,

J. SCOTT HARSTON, Chairman.

Hong Kong, 19th October, 1926.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th OCTOBER to the 2nd NOVEMBER, 1926, both days inclusive.

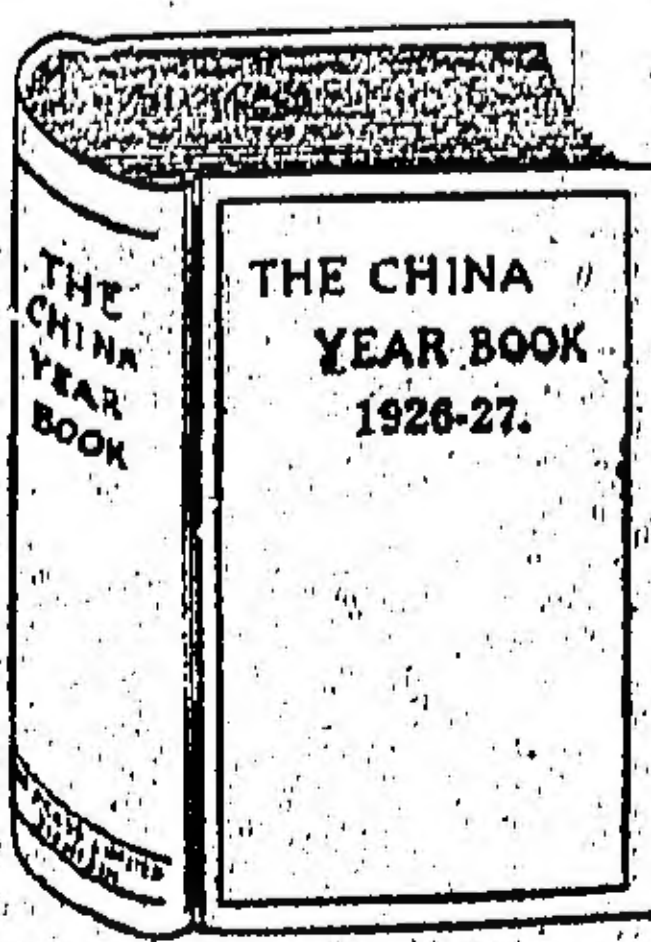
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of the Company, No. 6 Des Voeux

Road Central, Victoria, in the

Colony of Hong Kong, on the 23rd

day of October, 1926, at 2 o'clock

in the afternoon for the purpose

of considering, and if thought fit,

passing an Extraordinary Resolution,

the subjoined Resolutions:—

1. "That the nominal sterling capital of

the Company as existing at the date

when this Resolution is confirmed as

a special Resolution be converted into

Hong Kong currency at such rate of

Exchange as may be determined by

the Board, and that such capital so

converted be increased beyond the

Hong Kong equivalent of such sterling

capital when such conversion

taken place to the sum of \$11,000,000

Hong Kong currency, divided into

275,000 shares of \$40 each."

2. "That each of the issued sterling

shares of the Company of the nominal

value of £5 each, upon each of which

the sum of £5 has been paid, be con-

verted into one share of the nominal

value of \$40 Hong Kong currency,

at such rates of Exchange as may

be resolved upon and determined by

the Board, and accordingly that

275,000 shares out of the 275,000

shares of the nominal value of \$40

each, constituting the capital of the

Company so converted and increased

may be distributed by the Board to

the persons who are registered as

shareholders of the Company at the

date when this Resolution is confirmed

as a Special Resolution in ex-

change for the sterling shares then

held by them."

3. "That the Articles of Association be

altered by deleting Article 184 and

substituting therefor the following

Article:—

"184. 'A dividend, instalment of

'dividend or interest payable in

'cash by the Company to a share-

'holder in respect of a share, may

'be paid by posting a cheque, order

'or warrant for the amount in a

'cover directed to the shareholder

'at his registered address, or, by

'payment of a cheque or granting

'of an order of payment or pro-

'duction of the dividend book

'issued by the Company in respect

'of such share. Every such war-

'rant shall be made payable at the

'Company's Head Office or other

'appointed place of payment. The

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'liability for the sum expressed in

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'ing to any order for payment or

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FRIDAY the 15th Day of October,

1926.

21 236 461 667

24 241 471 688

28 243 476 700

32 248 489 714

46 249 504 727

59 257 506 744

69 258 520 750

78 261 526 753

90 277 530 760

94 288 575 763

107 292 580 773

114 295 586 783

119 313 587 791

120 331 600 795

131 347 603 796

135 361 610 800

143 364 617 803

157 389 628 805

184 393 632 816

197 401 639 823

200 409 646 830

202 434 647 832

213 442 658 839

222 448 660 836

228 451 664 843

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October, 1926, are requested to in-

form the Treasurers, Messrs. Percy

Smith, Seth & Fleming, on or before

THURSDAY, the 28th October,

1926.

AND NOTICE is hereby given

that the Debentures numbered as

above which are not cashed on the

31st October, 1926, will be paid on

the 30th April, 1927, after which

date they will cease to bear in-

terest.

Dated the 16th day of October,

1926.

By Order,

J. D. HUMPHREYS,

Hon. Secretary.

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REPRIEVED.

OFFICE BOY MURDER CASE.

JURY'S RIDER SEQUEL.

The Chinese office boy who was found guilty at the September Criminal Sessions of the murder of a fellow employee of the China Commercial Company and recommended to mercy by the jury has been reprieved.

Defendant's plea at the trial was one of insanity. It was stated that his mind had been dwelling on the prospect of suffering from leprosy owing to the murdered man having introduced him to a woman whom he believed afterwards to have been suffering from the disease. He further stated in the course of evidence that he had no recollections of the night in question until he found deceased lying at his feet in a pool of blood.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy defended at the trial.

THE WATERFRONT.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS FOR KOWLOON.

Suggestions for improvement

of the Kowloon waterfront such

as the extension of the railway

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AMUR MARU Sails Friday, 5th November.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.

*CAPATA MARU Sails Friday, 5th November.

(Calls at Alcoa Bay).

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

BORNEO MARU Sails Wednesday, 3rd November.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.

PANAMA MARU Sails Wednesday, 20th October.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

SEATTLE MARU Sails Monday, 25th October.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

KOSO MARU Sails Tuesday, 2nd November.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan.

AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai) Wednesday, 27th October.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

HAGUE MARU (From Kuching) Beginning of November.

JAPAN PORTS.

BATAVIA MARU Sails Tuesday, 26th October.

KRELLUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.

KANO MARU Sails Sunday, 31st October, 10 a.m.

TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.

FAKAO and KRELLUNG.

BATAVIA MARU Sails Monday, 26th October.

DAIREN via SWATOW and TSINGTAU.

KINZAN MARU Sails Middle of November.

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"CITY OF BARODA" 9,670 tons d.w. sailing 5th Nov.

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The above modern passenger steamers will be despatched as above for Boston and New York via Philippine Islands, Straits, Colombo and Suez Canal, arriving in New York on or about 5th January and 2nd February respectively. Fares £100.—Single First Class £70.—Single Second Class.

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The M.S. "ASIA."

Will be loading for Marseilles, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen and other Scandinavian ports on or about 30th October.

Further sailings: Expected on or about: Will leave homeward-bound on or about:-

M.S. "AFRIKA" 10th November

M.S. "MALAYA" 8th December

M.S. "JAVA" 10th January, 1927

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SHIPPING SECTION.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:-

Empress of Canada (12811) Brl. from Vancouver and Shanghai; C. P. S.

Ningchow (5837) Brl. from New- port and Singapore; B. & S.

Atreus (4285) Brl. from Dalny and Shanghai; B. & S.

Changchow (1203) Brl. from Shanghai; B. & S.

Chak Sang (1470) Brl. from Shanghai and Poochow; J. M.

Yat Shing (1424) Brl. from Canton; J. M.

Glenagarry (5834) Brl. from Shanghai; J. M.

Benrinnes (3071) Brl. from Leith and Manila; Gibb Liv.

Van Cloop (2863) Dutch, from Belawan and Singapore; J. C. J. L.

Marozza (839) Norwegian, from Batu-Besar; Thoresen & Co.

Aki Maru (3871) Jap. from Yokohama and Nagasaki; N. Y. K.

Atsuta Maru (4940) Jap. from London and Singapore; N. Y. K.

Panama Maru (3559) Jap. from Yokohama and Moji; O. S. K.

Kotsu Maru (918) from Takao and Swatow; O. S. K.

Departures.

For Singapore: Honolulu Maru, Talma, Rangoon Maru, War.

Krishna.

For Amoy: Vulcanus.

For Saigon: Polenachus.

For Haiphong: Tonkin.

For Shanghai: President McKinley, Tikhonov, Atsuta Maru.

For Port Said: Scottsburg.

Clearances.

For Manila: Aki Maru.

For Kwong-chow-wan: Hanoi and Tai Sze Ma.

For Hoihow: Changchow, Ming Sing.

For Singapore: Atreus, Patrychus, Panama Maru.

For Shanghai: Ningchow.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:-

British 24

Panama 1

German 3

Japanese 5

Chinese 12

Dutch 5

Portuguese 3

Norwegian 4

French 1

No flag 1

Total 69

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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HARBOUR SURVEY.

THE KOWLOON SANDBANK DANGER.

WORK IN HAND.

It will be remembered that in connection with the grounding of two vessels on the sandbank off Kowloon clocktower questions were asked in Council when it was stated that an engineer was to be appointed to undertake a survey of the harbour bed.

Further reference to the appointment was made in the Budget speech.

Since yesterday, boats flying red flags have been observed in line in the neighbourhood of the sandbank and upon inquiry the "China Mail" was informed that their presence was in connection with the survey mentioned in Council, the object being to take soundings.

DUTY NOT PAID.

ILLICIT LIQUOR FOUND ON JUNK.

FINE OF \$110.

The master of a small passenger junk was charged this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy with unlawful possession of "untiable" liquors.

Acting on information that opium was on board the junk, the police raided it at Kowloon Bay but instead of finding opium a bottle of Brandy and 9 jars each containing 20 gallons of Chinese wine were found. Duty had not been paid.

Defendant said that a friend of his had asked him to keep the liquors and had not returned. He, however, did not know the name of his friend.

A fine of \$10 (or 14 days for possession of the brandy and a fine of \$100 or "months" hard labour) for possession of the Chinese wine was the sentence imposed by Mr. J. H. B. Nihill.

CANADIAN MARINE.

ACQUISITION OF A LARGE DOCK AT SEATTLE.

Announcement is made that the Canadian Government Merchant Marine has purchased the Grand Trunk dock at the foot of Madison Street, Seattle, for a sum of approximately \$350,000.

This property has been under lease by the old Grand Trunk Pacific Steamship Company, having, it is stated, about seven years to run. When the Puget Sound connection of the Canadian National Railways was stopped during the war, this dock was available for general passenger and freight service.

It is presumed that its acquisition by a subsidiary of the Canadian National Railways means that the latter are going to re-open their Seattle business and compete from that port for British Columbia, and Alaskan business.

Figures prepared by the New York Chronicle show that the total commercial cotton crop in the United States for the season 1925-26 was 15,452,000 bales, against 14,716,000 bales for the preceding season; the total consumption in the United States is 7,224,000 bales against 6,759,000 bales, and the total exports 8,226,000 against 8,263,000 bales.

HARRENDORF FOUND

ARRESTED ON BOARD "TAIYO MARU."

AT YOKOHAMA.

Tokyo, Oct. 15.

A Yokohama message reports that the police arrested a German, Holzer Harrendorf, on board the "Taiyo Maru" which arrived from Kobe to-day, following a request from certain banks in Shanghai whereby Harrendorf had recently after the alleged defrauding of a sum said to total \$1,000,000.

The police at various ports in the Far East have been searching for Harrendorf who fled from Shanghai following the issuance by the Mixed Court of a warrant for his arrest charging him with fraudulently obtaining from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation the sum of \$34,000. Harrendorf was principal in the firm of Harrendorf and Company, Canton Road.

CONSIGNEES.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

From LEITH, MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP, LONDON, STRAITS & PHILIPPINES.

THE Steamship "BENRINNES"

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 26th instant will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under- signed on or before the 9th November, 1926 or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th instant at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hong Kong, 19th October, 1926.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.

From NEW YORK.

THE Motor Vessel "FORRESBANK"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 23rd October, 1926, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under- signed on or before 30th October, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Saturday, 23rd October, 1926, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

THE BANK LINE, LTD.

General Agents.

Hong Kong, 18th October, 1926.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

QUICKEST TIME ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

TO VICTORIA & VANCOUVER.

FROM HONG KONG 18 DAYS FROM SHANGHAI 15 DAYS FROM JAPAN 9 DAYS

STEAMERS	SAILINGS 1926-1927	H'Kong	Shanghai	Kobe	Yokohama	Yokohama
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 29	Oct. 31	Nov. 3	Nov. 6	Nov. 15	Nov. 15
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Nov. 11	Nov. 14	Nov. 17	Nov. 20	Nov. 29	Nov. 29
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 6	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 12	Jan. 15	Jan. 15
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13	Feb. 13
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 8	Mar. 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 13	Mar. 13	Mar. 27	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 9	May 9
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10	July 10

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\$120 \$112 \$85

HONG KONG—MANILA SERVICE.

Leave Hong Kong	Arrive Manila	Leave Manila	Arrive Hong Kong
Oct. 29	Oct. 22	EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 23
Nov. 3	Nov. 5	EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Nov. 6

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong About	Destination
NYANZA	7,023	27th Oct.	Shanghai, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHYBER	7,023	30th Oct.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
ALPINE	5,273	31st Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
WANTUA	10,902	13th Nov.	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	25th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KARMAHA	9,128	27th Nov.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,852	9th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MACDONIA	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	22nd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,128	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MIRZAPUR	6,715	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KALYAN	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	10,941	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MORHA	10,941	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHMIR	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
MANTUA	10,902	21st Feb.	Marseilles and London
KASHGOLIA	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
MACDONIA	11,120	15th March	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	27th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMAHA	9,128	14th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
KHIVA	9,128	1st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MORHA	10,941	23rd May	Marseilles and London

Frequent connection from Fuzhou for Passengers and Cargo to
Constantinople, Piræus, Smyrna and other Levant Ports by steamers of the
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BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS.

TAKADA	6,949	6th Nov.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKIWA	7,936	10th Nov.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TILAWA	10,900	16th Nov.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFURA	6,000	29th Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island,
TANDA	6,554	2nd Dec.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney &
ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Melbourne.
ARAFURA	6,000	29th Jan.	
TANDA	6,554	14th March	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	

Regular monthly sailings from Hongkong to Japan, and Hongkong to
Australia.

The E. & A. S.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, Iloilo, Cebu,
Kolumbugan, Tawao, Timor, Darwin, or other ports en route as inducement
offers.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:-
The Union S.S. Company's steamers to the United Kingdom via New
Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.

The P. & O. Royal Mail steamers to London via Suez Canal.

The P. & O. Branch Service of steamers to London via the Cape.

The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and
London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

TAKIWA	7,936	22nd Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
TILAWA	10,900	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MIRZAPUR	6,715	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMAHA	9,128	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TANDA	6,554	2nd Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
NELLORE	8,852	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KHIVA	9,128	25th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACDONIA	11,089	25th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MALWA	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	11th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KASHMIR	8,852	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KALYAN	9,128	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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MALWA	10,941	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

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Passengers for Rangoon must defray their own Hotel expenses at
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Parcels measuring not more than 2 1/2 ft. x 2 1/2 ft. x 1 ft. will be received
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S.S. "WEST MOMENTUM" 10th November.

FOR PORTLAND via MANILA, ILOILO, CEBU.

S.S. "WEST NIGER" 31st October.

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NAVAL CONVOYS.

GUNBOATS AS KONGMOON
ESCORTS.

A notice was issued at the Har-
bour Office yesterday, in connection
with the conveying of steamers to
Kongmoon, as under:-

Until further orders the arrange-
ment for the conveying of steamers
proceeding to Kongmoon or
Wuchow are as follows:-

(1) A naval gunboat will be at
Wangmoo nightly at 11 p.m. to
escort ships to Kongmoon.

(2) A naval gunboat will leave
Kongmoon every evening to escort
ships back to Wangmoo at 5 p.m.

Wuchow ships should go with the
Kongmoon ships as far as "The
Cliffs," after which they must pro-
ceed without escort. Wuchow
ships cannot be escorted further
"The Cliffs."

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

List of passengers arrived by the
R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from
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L. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. E.
Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. H.
Humphrey, Miss I. Johnson, Mr.
and Mrs. E. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. J.
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M. J. Gaid, Mr. C. W. Hsien, Mr.
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S. Lau and infant, Mr. and Mrs. Y.
H. and Miss Liang, Mr. B. H. and
Mrs. Liang, Mr. and Mrs. B. H.
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T. H. Yau, Mr. S. K. Yau, Mr. and
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kian, Mr. Lee Yuk-tong, Mr. Lee
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Mrs. E. M. Gull, Mr. and Mrs. E.
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Mrs. D. N. Bass and daughter, Mrs.
G. S. F. Kemp, Miss F. Kemp,
Master F. Kemp, Mr. G. N. Gawler,
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
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The M.V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish
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werp on September 19 and is due
here on or about October 29.

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dam on September 19 and is due
here on or about October 29.

The E. & A. s.s. "Tanda" left
Sydney for this port on October 9
at a.m. with the outward Australian
Mails, and is due here on Novem-
ber 1.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
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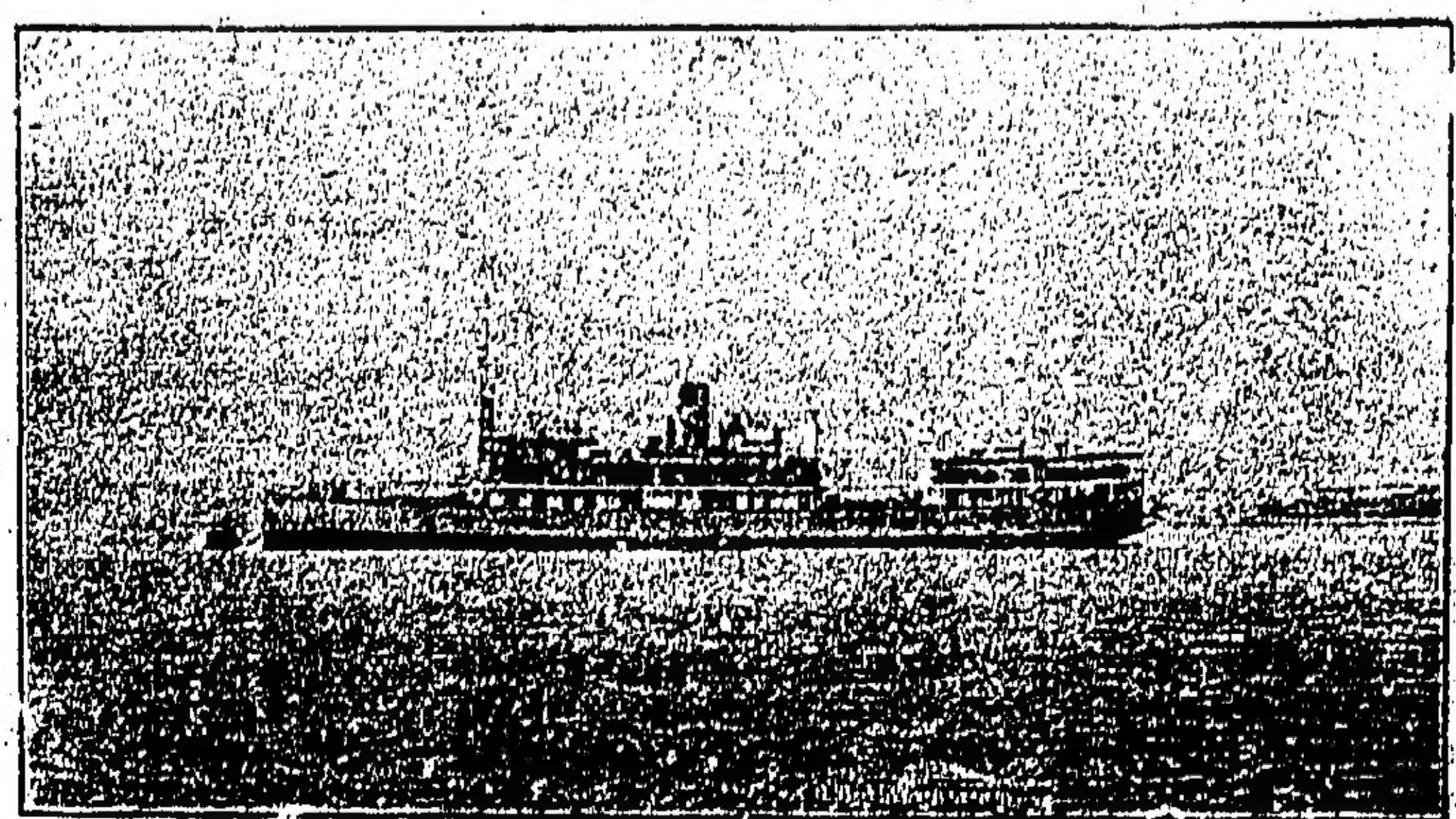
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Hong Kong, Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1926.

GOVT. CIVIL HOSPITAL.

In the course of his speech introducing the Budget the Colonial Secretary made two references to the Government Civil Hospital. Firstly, he remarked that "the Government is fully aware of the many works which in the opinion of the public are desirable and even necessary and among these the Government places high on the list the rebuilding of the Government Civil Hospital but these works could only be undertaken by an increase of taxation or by borrowing. After full consideration the Government is of opinion that it is in the best interest of the Colony to reduce our commitments on large works and, while maintaining what we have and keeping our staff ready for action, to postpone the initiation of any new policy of large public works until the financial and political horizons are alike more favourable." Secondly, the Colonial Secretary observed that this year, it was hoped, would see the extension of the Sisters' Quarters at the Government Civil Hospital. These statements corroborate articles published in the "China Mail" on October 7 and 8 regarding the Government's intention to rebuild the Hospital on an adjacent site in the Chinese quarter of the city instead of at Morrison Hill or elsewhere where pure air and pleasing environs would not be at a premium.

This spirit of determination on the part of the Government is hard to understand. It is absolutely at variance with the excellent sentiment expressed by the Colonial Secretary in his Budget speech. "In spite of the need for economy," he said, "the Government has considered it necessary to make a considerable increase in the personnel of the Medical Department in order to safeguard effectively the all-important question of public health." That phrase is worth setting in italics. It is one that gave hope that at long last we had a Government to whom the question of public health was really all-important.

It is one that raised a feeling of optimism that, after many days and after innumerable pleadings by the entire Press of the Colony, such consideration of the all-important question of public health would be followed by the creation of a Central Public Health Department or Bureau. Any such hopes are vain! The Government thinks so little of the "all-important question of public health" that it is obstinately resolved to rebuild the Government Civil Hospital right in the heart of the Chinese quarter! The Government's conscience in regard to safeguarding effectively the "all important question of public health" is conspicuous by its absence when it punishes Europeans unfortunate enough to be stricken down by serious illness by decreeing that the noisy Chinese quarter is a good enough place wherein to attempt to secure a restoration to health. So lightly, moreover, does the Government think of its own European doctors, European matrons, and European nurses that it is content for them to live day in and day out amid Chinese noise and Chinese odours. Has the Government lost all sense of proportion in this "all-important question of public health"? Does it realise the handicaps to European patients and European medical and nursing staffs by being cooped up in a noisy overcrowded native quarter of the city? Is it aware of the prejudice against the Hospital, if re-erected on an adjoining site, that will be created throughout the Far East among Europeans who, come long distances to secure the admittedly high professional treatment available at this institution?

What paltry and feeble excuses have been trotted out in defence of the Government's decision to waste three million dollars on rebuilding the Hospital on an adjoining site! "It is," we have been told, "extremely handy for the poorer classes of Chinese, with whom they were very largely concerned." Again, it is argued, "the Hospital is in a far more convenient place as regarded the University, for students of which the Hospital provides a valuable training ground." If these are the best possible arguments the Government can submit, then it has a very sorry case indeed! With the poorer classes of Chinese we would not withhold one ounce of sympathy. They deserve the best treatment possible at the hands of a benevolent British Crown Colony. But why sacrifice the no less vital claims of Europeans for a Hospital wherein they can be assured of peace and quietness, and an abundance of God's own pure air? Why should they be herded in a thickly populated Chinese quarter just because they have the dire misfortune to fall sick and require treatment in Hospital? If the Government can only think in terms of the convenience of the poorer classes of Chinese, so far as this

particular site is concerned, let it rebuild to meet only the needs of these Chinese and erect a purely non-Chinese G.C.H. in another part of the Colony.

Before a single stone is removed from the present Hospital it behoves every non-Chinese resident to be up and doing to assert their just and equitable rights for fair and square treatment. To urge this in such terms is not by any means speaking out too strongly. The language, indeed, is mild compared with some that we have heard in condemnation of the Government's decision. "We are by no means voicing an individual opinion. We believe that we are right in claiming to have the solid support of the entire non-Chinese, non-official community behind us. The Government simply cannot be permitted to perpetrate such a crass blunder as it contemplates without the Press and the public exercising their legitimate right to enter a most emphatic protest."

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHURCH BAN ON SHORT SLEEVES.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—A word or two, please, with regard to the article which appeared in Monday's issue of your esteemed journal dealing with ladies' dresses in Church and the subsequent letter from your correspondent, "Anti-Bigot," who sponsored a long rignarole regarding "beauty of contour" and "going to Church in one's Sunday best."

Firstly, no such notice as is alleged to have been "hung formerly at the entrance of the Holy Rosary Church in Kowloon" ever existed. I will leave it to "Anti-Bigot" to justify the second paragraph of his letter after he has perused my comments.

Secondly, the notice which is apparently the cause of all this turmoil among our local admirers of "beauty of contour" reads as follows:—

"All priests have strict instructions not to administer the Holy Communion to ladies not dressed according to Christian modesty."

"Christian modesty excludes: 'Sleeves shorter than the elbow,' 'Dresses shorter than the knees,' 'Low cut necks,' 'All transparent dresses.'"

Thirdly, this notice was not displayed as a "result of numerous ladies going to Church with bare arms, which the parish priest termed contrary to Christian modesty." On the contrary, it was a Papal decree issued by the present Pontiff, which came into force at the beginning of this year, and every priest of the Roman Hierarchy is enjoined to see that it is carried out.

Much more could, of course, be said on this subject, but one is inclined to think that the least said is soonest mended. On the religious principles of a particular faith, the better for all concerned. "Anti-Bigot," however, might be reminded that the few occasions in the year when Catholic ladies, in the early hours of the morning, go to Church to partake of the Sacrament, are far more occupied with the object of their pilgrimage than with titivating themselves up in their "beauty of contour" may be admired.

Yours, etc.,
ACOLYTE.
Hong Kong, October 20.

H.K. WANHSIEN FUND.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—It has been decided by the local Branch of the Navy League to open a fund for the dependants of those who fell in the service of their fellow countrymen at the Wansien rescue.

In addition to the officers killed there were three A.B.'s and one Leading Seaman who have each left behind them a wife or mother who were either wholly or partly dependent on them.

The Committee feel that there are many who would be willing to contribute something towards these bereaved in this affair.

Part of the proceeds from the Concert on October 21, will be devoted to this purpose.

All donations should be sent to Mr. A. J. Bird, c/o Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China (Hong Kong office) and will be acknowledged in the Press.

Yours, etc.,
L. M. WYATT,
Hon. Secretary,
The Navy League,
(Hong Kong branch).
Hong Kong, October 20.

INDIANS AT LAW.

"PURPOSEFUL CONFUSION" OF WORDS.

COURT ALLEGATIONS.

It was alleged in the course of a Summary court case this morning that a former employee suing for money alleged to be owing had purposely confused two Gujarati (Indian dialect) words in his accounts in order that money he received as wages should appear as expenses.

The case was one in which Gulam Hussain Kikabhoj claimed \$876.70 balance for wages, board and lodging from H. M. Hajee Esmail, who counterclaimed for \$964.48 (alleging that the first plaintiff had been overpaid by him to the extent of \$315.73 and that the balance of the counterclaim was the value of goods received by Kikabhoj and not accounted for).

Mr. H. J. Armstrong was for Kikabhoj, and Mr. L. D. Turner for Esmail.

Mr. Armstrong, in opening, said that the relationship between the parties started as far back as February, 1915, when Esmail entered into an agreement with Kikabhoj to employ him as an assistant in his general merchants business. The agreed salary was 200 rupees a year.

The agreement was renewed yearly until 1918 when Esmail approached Kikabhoj and asked him to continue in his service and marry his (Esmail's) adopted daughter. This Kikabhoj did and in December of that year he signed an agreement binding him to service with Esmail for 15 years at a salary of 200 rupees per annum, \$20 a month expenses, board and lodging at Esmail's house and medical fees for his family.

This arrangement continued until May, 1920, when in consequence of a disagreement Esmail requested Kikabhoj to leave the room above the shop and find accommodation elsewhere. Esmail further agreed to pay Kikabhoj \$50 a month pocket money, board and lodging etc. and this was paid until the end of 1920. Subsequently, with increases in Kikabhoj's family, this amount was increased until it was \$100 a month.

Summary Dismissal.

In March of this year Kikabhoj was summarily dismissed without notice by Esmail and his claim consisted of \$100 board and lodging for March, a similar amount for April, \$215 due to him on the books and salary at the rate of 200 rupees a year from January 1, 1919, to the end of April, 1926.

No salary was ever credited to Kikabhoj in the firm's books, continued Mr. Armstrong, but Kikabhoj was credited with two amounts amounting to \$350 as bonus. Kikabhoj was authorised by Esmail from time to time to draw amounts on account of salary and so far as could be ascertained he had drawn in respect of salary for 1922 the sum of \$30, leaving a balance of \$886.76.

Asked if there would be any special defence, Mr. Turner said that the statute of limitations, he understood, would be raised by the respective sides on the two issues.

After Kikabhoj had given evidence bearing out the opening, Mr. Turner explained that it was impossible to get a certified translation of the account books for the time Kikabhoj was employed. The books were kept by Kikabhoj himself and he (Mr. Turner) alleged that there had been purposeful confusion between two of the Indian words used, one of which meant "expenses" and the other "salary." Kikabhoj had entered certain payments for salary made to him by Esmail as "expenses." Mr. Esmail had drawn his attention to this in 1920 and from that time onwards the correct word had been used.

The two words were shown to Kikabhoj and in reply to questions he said that the word "kharach" meant expenses and "pagar" meant wages or salary.

11 Years "Mistake."

Kikabhoj's attention was drawn to several items in the accounts entered as "pagar" and stated that what was meant in each one was that he had received certain expenses. It was pointed out to him that he said the word meant salary. Witness replied that he had received no salary. He had meant the word to be understood as expenses. He had made a mistake.

Mr. Turner: And you continued making the mistake for eleven years?

Kikabhoj: I did not know I should be brought into litigation with him and should have to explain it.

Mr. Turner: And I suppose you hoped that you never would have to explain it.

Evidence was given by Esmail who said that far from owing Kikabhoj anything he had overpaid him as the accounts showed. Witness went into details with regard to the goods alleged to have been unaccounted for by Kikabhoj. His Honour found for defendant (Esmail) on the first writ with Akbar (the Police Judge's Clerk).

STUDENT GUESTS.

CHINA CLUB OF SEATTLE AS HOSTS.

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One hundred and seventy Chinese students were cordially entertained, on arrival at Seattle (by the "President McKinley") on September 6, by the China Club there.

Mr. Phillip Nyren (executive secretary of the China Club of Seattle) writes to the "China Mail" enthusiastically of the Club's activities and of the keen interest taken by members in the events in China.

An attractive programme, in the shape of a red and gold Chinese lantern, was got up in honour of the Chinese students who went to America. Inside the cover was a photo of Dr. Y. S. Tsao, President of Tsing Hua College, Peking.

Some of the students were from Tsing Hua and the remainder were from private groups.

A banquet was given in the Spanish ball room of the Olympic Hotel. In a "most cordial welcome to the unofficial ambassadors of China," the Club expressed the hope that "their contact with America may be of great benefit to China and serve to form stronger ties of friendship between our Sister Republics."

Two Unique Views.

"Welcome to our city and to our country" was delivered by Mr. J. W. Spangler, president of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and by Mr. Lew G. Kay, the Chinese Vice-Consul. Mr. Chester E. Roberts, president of the China Club of Seattle, acted as toastmaster.

In passing it is interesting to note two quotations "which the Club gives prominence to:—

"Whoever understands China socially, politically, economically and religiously holds the key to the world's politics for the next five centuries." — John Hay.

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HUSBAND ASSISTS WIFE IN THEFT.

BOTH SENT TO PRISON.

Miss R. Elarte, of No. 5, Blue Building, Wanchai, was the complainant in a case heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell in which a Chinese amah employed in the house was charged with the theft of a gold watch and band.

The husband of the defendant, and a marine hawker were also involved in the case.

In evidence complainant said that she left the watch on a table in the kitchen while she went to the bathroom and forgot about it until the next morning when the article was not there. The amah was suspected, and on being questioned in the presence of a police officer who was called to the house, she admitted taking the article and handing it to her husband, who in turn took it to a marine hawker.

The marine hawker in a statement said that he was afraid to take the watch as it appeared to be an expensive article which he suspected to have been stolen, but in spite of his refusal to purchase it the second defendant left the article on a table and went away. The police followed later.

The defendant woman together with her husband were each sentenced to four weeks' hard labour. The marine hawker was fined \$100, or six weeks' hard labour.

GOOD-BYE MARCH.

ANOTHER SURREYS' PARADE NEXT WEEK.

FAREWELL TO HONG KONG.

A "Goodbye March" will be carried out by the 1st East Surrey Regiment in their farewell to Hong Kong.

On the morning of embarkation for India (probably next Wednesday) the Battalion will carry out a short Route March prior to embarkation, the route being:—

Murray Barracks, Post Office, Star Ferry, Hong Kong Club, Murray Barracks.

The G. O. C. the Forces in South China (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.) will take the salute opposite the Cenotaph.

The date and time of parade will be notified later.

costs and for plaintiff (Esmail) in the second, the amount to be decided in conjunction with Mr. Akbar (the Police Judge's Clerk).

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

STRIKING SPEECH BY PRIME MINISTER.

Cementing Bonds of Empire.

INCREASED INDEPENDENCE OF DOMINIONS.

Free from the atmosphere of politics, with no bellicose shadows of war on the wall, the Imperial Conference was opened yesterday in London. Signs are not wanting of the intense importance of this great and representative gathering in welding the component parts of the far-flung Empire closer than ever before.

BIG RESULTS EXPECTED.

Rugby, October 19.
The Imperial Conference, which opened this morning, is the ninth of a series which began in 1907, when the Colonial Conference, which had done service for twenty years, were superseded by a more authoritative body representing the self-governing Dominions, India, and the Colonies. General expectation will be fulfilled if the present Conference does not register results of greater importance to the Empire as a whole than any of its predecessors. The circumstances in which the Conference has assembled certainly give it great authority, for practically all of the Prime Ministers participating command majorities in their legislatures, which removes the danger of an immediate political reverse and enables them to claim to represent the bulk of popular opinion in their own countries.

Major issues that it is assumed will be discussed at the Conference have been fully debated, within and without the Parliaments of the various parts of the British Commonwealth. None of these questions is directly raised in the skeleton agenda of the Conference that has been provisionally prepared, but on the statements of British Ministers, which will be delivered during the Conference, an opportunity will arise for an examination of inter-Imperial matters such as the determination of Dominion status, Empire defence and communications as well as for the consideration of means to secure a closer consultation with the Dominions in regard to external affairs.

Effect of Locarno.

Since the last Imperial Conference some important advances towards the increased independence of the Dominions have been made. By the terms of the Locarno Treaty, the Dominions, unless they ratify it, are expressly relieved of any burdens it may impose on Britain as one of its signatories. In conformity with a resolution of the 1923 Conference, Canada has concluded a local agreement over fisheries with the United States. With the complete concurrence of all concerned, Canada and the Irish Free State have nominated Ministers to Washington and Australia has attempted to secure a closer co-operation in British foreign policy by establishing in London an office with direct access to the Government for political and diplomatic purposes.

A Great Partnership.

The "Times" says: "There is no serious difference of opinion about the theory of Dominion status implied in these recent developments. What is important now is that the Conference should review them with care and endeavour to answer questions which they raise. Is it possible to shape our diplomatic arrangements that there is a clear distinction between questions of purely local interest and those which may affect us all? Can we agree that there are certain spheres in which one partner must take the lead, and in particular, of course, that Great Britain as part of Europe must bear the brunt of European diplomacy? Do we, in fact, and in all cases maintain as effective channels of communication between ourselves as experience has provided between friendly foreign States? If questions like these are faced and answered frankly, the Conference will render far greater service than by any mere academic talk of 'Equal Status'."

Time for An Advance.

The "Manchester Guardian" remarks that facts such as those mentioned above puzzle the student of normal international relations, but to the peoples of the Mother Country and of the Dominions they present little or no difficulty. "If Britain is to conduct, as she must, the foreign affairs of the Empire with the expectation of Dominion approval, she ought for her own sake to leave nothing undone to secure that they shall have constant and accurate knowledge of the considerations on which she is acting and that she, for her part, shall have clear insight into their attitude. Whether this can best be achieved by the creation of a permanent Secretariat for the Conference or by accrediting from the Dominions diplomatic representatives to this country, or by both, and perhaps further methods, is for the Conference to decide. But the time is ripe for an advance."—British Wireless Service.

THE KUOMINTANG.

CANTON TO REMAIN THE CAPITAL.

CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS.

Canton, Oct. 19.
An extraordinary Kuomintang Congress opened on October 15. In attendance are members of the Central Executive Committee and delegates of nearly all Provincial Kuomintang Committees of China as well as from Kuomintang organizations abroad.

In view of the extension of territory of the Nationalist Government from Kwangtung and Kwangsi to Hunan, Hupeh, Kiangsi, Fukien and Chekiang, this Congress is of particular importance, says the Canton Information Bureau.

The principal objects of the Congress are:—

(1.) To determine the policy of party and Nationalist Government vis-a-vis districts and provincial Governments and the basis for the convocation of a National Assembly.

(2.) To determine the seat of the Nationalist Government and the relation between it and the Provincial Governments.

(3.) To strengthen the unity of all revolutionary forces in the party, likewise to strengthen the union of merchants, workers, peasants, teachers, students, the liberal professions and soldiers as the foundation of National revolutionary movements.

(4.) In consequence of the rapid and sweeping victory over militarism many problems of local and national importance are to be solved.

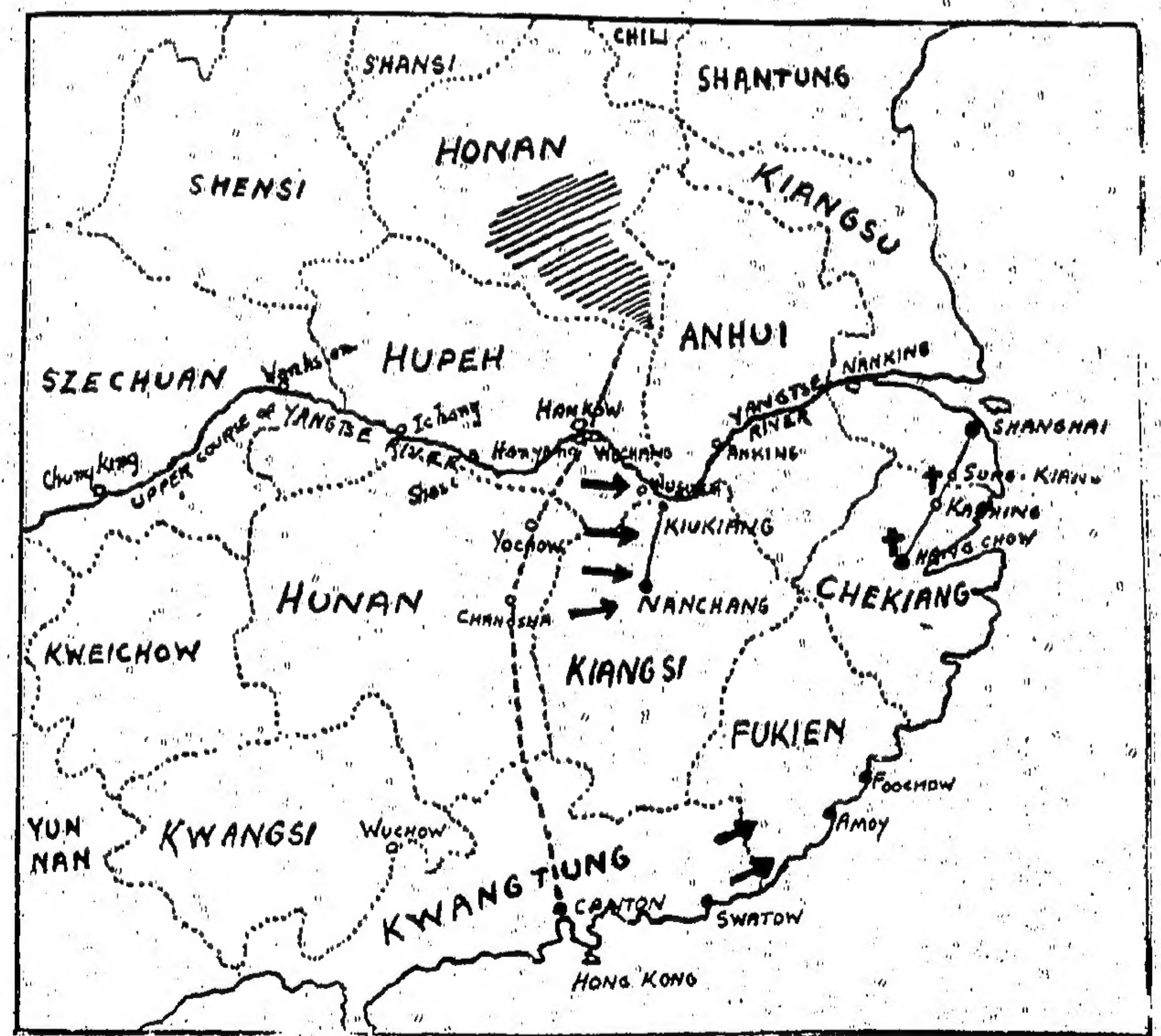
Three important decisions have already been adopted, viz:—

(1.) The strengthening of the National revolution in places in each province through the convocation of districts and Provincial Assemblies, and the organization of the committee system of Government.

(2.) The seat of the Nationalist Government for the time being will remain in Kwangtung.

(3.) A resolution requesting the Chairman of the Political Council of the party and Nationalist Government, Mr. Wang Kangwei, to resume his duties, which were interrupted by illness, was unanimously voted, thus showing a closer unity of the revolutionary forces, both civil and military.—Reuter.

HOW POLITICAL TREACHERY ENHANCES CANTON'S POSITION.



This rough sketch will assist non-Chinese in understanding how the "internal revolt" in Chekiang is endangering Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's grip on the "five allied provinces" in the East of China. It also explains the advantage conferred on the Cantonese in this epic struggle.

Chekiang is the province on the coast. The other four which make up the alliance are Fukien (in the south), Kiangsi (where the rival armies face each other), Anhui and Kiangsu.

The two black crosses denote the places where Hsia Chao has despatched troops (along the Hangchow-Shanghai Railway) to upset Sun Chuan-fang's administration in Shanghai.

To the west (in Kiangsi) Sun Chuan-fang is holding the Kiu-chiang-Nanchang Railway against General Chang Kai-shek; the black arrows denoting in which direction the Cantonese are fighting to conquer the southern part of the lower Yangtze valley.

It will also be seen that the Cantonese reinforcements, going

down the Yangtze from Hankow, have a comparatively easy task as on Monday a Naval despatch said that Wusueh (then in Sun's hands) was being surrounded on three sides.

From Wusueh to Anking is another jump, which that same despatch hinted was the next objective of the Cantonese.

On the Kwangtung-Fukien border (in the south) other arrows show the routes in which the Cantonese garrison in and near Swatow are marching on the south of Sun Chuan-fang's domains.

From Canton due north is a line (in dashes) which extends beyond the Yangtze, up to Honan province. Along this the Cantonese advanced against Wu Pei-fu, the

SINCE RELEASED.

NORTH CHINA MISSIONARY'S CAPTURE.

RYDING OF CHENLIU.

Shanghai, Oct. 20.

The British missionary named Ryding, who, together with his servants and evangelist, was captured by bandits at Chenliu on October 4, was released on October 13.—Reuter.

[A Kaifeng report of October 5 stated:—

Yesterday bandits looted Tung-su and Chenliu.

The band is said to number 5,000 and to be well armed with rifles, machine-guns and small cannon.

At daylight this morning the Kaifeng gates swarmed with refugees who had fled through the night from the afflicted districts.

Among the captives taken by the bandits from Chenliu are a British missionary named Ryding, with his servants and evangelist.]

A GREAT DIPLOMAT.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT JAPANESE.

Tokyo, Oct. 19.

Baron Eki Hioki died this afternoon.—Reuter.

[Eki Hioki, a member of the Japanese House of Peers, was only last year prominently before the public as Japan's delegate to the Chinese Customs Tariff Conference at Peking. Born in 1868, he was educated in Law at the Imperial Tokyo University. He became an Attaché at New York in 1889, and was Secretary at the Washington Embassy two years later. Afterward he served in a similar capacity in Petrograd, Seoul, Peking, again in Washington, and then Berlin. He was Minister to Chile from 1908 to 1914, and to China from 1914 to 1916; and from 1918 to 1920 held that appointment in Sweden, Norway, and then Denmark. He was made Ambassador to Germany in 1920, serving until 1924, when he returned East to attend the Tariff Conference.]

SHARE FORGERS.

LARGE GANG OPERATING IN EUROPE.

TWENTY ARRESTS.

Warsaw, Oct. 19.

The Police have arrested 20 persons forming the Executive of what is stated to be the largest gang of share forgers in Europe, their forgeries amounting to several hundred thousand francs.

The Police have also closed down a large printing and engraving plant used by the forgers.

The forgeries were handled in many bona-fide deals.—Reuter.

EUROPE'S TRADE.

GERMAN STOCKS AND SHARES RISE.

Berlin, October 20.

Some stocks on the stock exchange rose thirteen per cent. on the publication of the International Industrialists and Bankers' manifesto.

The papers generally regard it as an admission of recognition that the economic clauses of the Versailles Treaty are mainly responsible for the sorry state of world trade.

The manifesto is endorsed in German industrial circles.—Reuter.

[An earlier cablegram appears in our Commercial Section on page 2.]

PROHIBITION.

TO BE ABOLISHED IN NORWAY.

Oslo, Oct. 20.

All indications point to anti-Prohibitionists having secured a large majority throughout the country on the plebiscite mentioned in the cables from Oslo yesterday. The figures are 108,311 for and 15,419 against.

The Premier foreshadows a Bill very early to abolish Prohibition.—Reuter.

SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INFORMATION.

From London, the N.Y.K. steamer "Atsuta Maru" arrived yesterday and brought 458 tons and 86 bags of mail for discharge here. The "Atsuta Maru" continued her trip to Japan via Shanghai yesterday at 6 p.m.

Two steamers are sailing this afternoon for Manila, these being the R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" of the C.P.R. and the Japanese steamer "Aki Maru" bound for Australia via Manila. The "Canada" is due back in Hong Kong on Monday.

For Shanghai the s.s. "Benrinnes" is scheduled to sail this afternoon. The "Benrinnes" arrived yesterday from Leith via Manila and brought 724 tons of general cargo and mail for Hong Kong.

The local office of the Dollar Line has been advised by their Manila office that the "President Lincoln" will sail from that port for San Francisco via Hong Kong to-day at 3 p.m. and is due here on Friday at daylight.

Two steamers are scheduled to sail to-morrow for Shanghai. The s.s. "Yatsushiro" of the Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd. leave at 5 p.m. via Ningpo, and the s.s. "Sunning" of the China Navigation Co. sails at noon via Swatow.

In ballast from Canton, the s.s. "Yatsushiro" of the Indo-China S. N. Co. arrived yesterday afternoon.

With a cargo of 712 tons consisting mostly of cement, 22 bags of mail and 269 steerage passengers, the O.S.K. steamer "Kotsu Maru" arrived yesterday from Takao and Swatow. She will sail for Takao to-day.

Two steamers are sailing to-morrow for Batavia, these being the s.s. "Tjikembang" of the J.C.I.L. and the Japanese steamer "Bandoung Maru" of the N.Y.K.

The B.N. steamer "Takliwa" arrived this morning from Calcutta and Singapore with cargo, passengers and mail for Hong Kong. The "Takliwa" will sail for Shanghai and Japan to-morrow at noon.

The Dutch steamer "Van Cloon" of the J.C.I.L. arrived yesterday afternoon and brought 708 tons of cargo and 1,397 steerage passengers from Batavia and Singapore. She will sail for Singapore on October 22.

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NOTICE

CHANGE OF DATE

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A large assortment of sundry goods and merchandise will be sold by Messrs. Lamert Bros. at their Duddell Street auction rooms at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Paris, October 9.—In "Le Matin" to-day De Jouvenal says that Germany must recognise the eastern boundaries and renounce Austria-German fusion if there is to be any working basis for a Franco-German reconciliation.

The Fire Demonstration with the automatic dry carbonic acid fire extinguisher "Total," which was postponed on account of wet weather, will take place to-day at 5.30 p.m. at the Kowloon Fire Brigade compound (near Star Ferry wharf).

Held annually, the 10th athletic sports meeting of the Yau-mat Government (district) School are to be held at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow, at the school ground, King's Park, Kowloon; and Mrs. A. O. Brawn (wife of the headmaster) will distribute the prizes at 4.15 p.m.

The Board of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., have appointed Mr. Percy H. Suckling General Manager of the Company in Hong Kong and Mr. R. Weeding Skinner, the Shanghai Manager, and Mr. V. W. G. Smith, the local Secretary at Shanghai. The appointments take effect from last Saturday.

A paragraph in this page on October 2 referred to the appointment of Mr. Sun Ying-pu as Hui-pah (Associate Director) of the "local" Chinese Telegraph Administration and that employees opposed the appointment by the Peking Ministry of Communications, saying that their wages were in arrears and that it was useless to appoint a new man with a salary of \$240 monthly. (This was culled from a Northern exchange. The word "local" referred to should have been "Peking." The wrong impression created is regretted as the incident did not in any way concern the Hong Kong office).

Will members of the Holoha May Institute please note that the Musicales arranged for Thursday, October 28, is unavoidably cancelled.

Berlin, October 6.—A large departmental store to cost ten million marks will be erected at Herman's Square in Berlin. It will have subterranean communication with the subway.

Chefoo, October 5.—The Chefoo-Wulhsien Motor Road Company has started construction of the long distance telephone from Chefoo to Wulhsien. It is expected that the line will be in use by the end of December.

Berlin, October 6.—The German firm of Wolff is constructing a gigantic aeroplane specially designed for the crossing of the Atlantic. The aeroplane, is 125 metres long and is driven by four motors, and capable of carrying 100 passengers, having a restaurant, saloon and reading room.

Hanover, October 9.—The death toll from the typhoid epidemic to-day reached 200. The epidemic started a month ago when men, brought from rural regions, was contaminated with typhoid bacilli. The only hopeful feature of the tragic situation is that no cases of the disease have been reported within the last 24 hours.

Last week there were only two cases of notifiable disease reported. Both were of enteric fever, the patients being Chinese; one was from the city and the other from Shaokwan. On Monday four fresh cases were notified (one British and three Chinese); three patients were from Kowloon and one from the city.

There was no business of public interest at the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon. The following members were present:—Mr. N. L. Smith (President), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. S. W. Tso, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest (Secretary), and Dr. A. G. M. Severn (Medical Officer of Health).

On American, three French, and two British merchant vessels on the upper Yangtze were commandeered by General Yang Sen recently for the transportation of armed troops from Wansien to Ichang. Yang Sen simply took the ships, placed his men on board (10,000 of them, says the report), brought them to Ichang, and turned the ships loose, states the Hankow "Herald."

Tokyo, October 13.—Early this morning an unknown person attempted to set fire to a godown in the British Embassy compound, using oil-soaked papers, but only the slightest damage was done and the fire was quickly discovered and immediately put out. The police are now investigating. It is understood that a workman with a personal grudge is suspected to be responsible. No significance is attached to the incident.

Peking, Oct. 6.—The closing of the Russo-Asiatic Bank has had serious repercussions in Manchuria, according to Mukden advices. It is said that many of the individual depositors in the bank were Manchurians. It is stated in Chinese circles that Dr. Wang Chung-hui, the Chinese Government liquidator of the bank's affairs, has been requested by Mr. Cheng Chien, of Chang Tso-lin's staff, to send detailed reports to Mukden regarding the proceedings handled by the liquidators in going through the affairs of the bank.

The leading article of the Osaka "Mainichi," on October 9, entitled "The Degeneration of the Leading Classes," voices a widespread sentiment amongst the people amongst statesmen, politicians, officials, high officers of the Army and Navy and leaders in other walks of life. The paper gives recent instances illustrating how they are supposed to be losing the confidence of the masses by allegedly dishonourable, underhand and cowardly acts. The "Mainichi" points out the recent municipal assembly elections in Hokkaido and welcomes the rise of Labour as injecting a pure, fresh spirit into the life of the nation, but expresses a fear that the "degeneration" of the present ruling classes will result in unbalancing the equilibrium of society.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. D. M. Gubbay returned to Shanghai on October 9, on the "President Lincoln" after a holiday in America.

Among the passengers returning to the Colony by the R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter.

Mr. H. J. Slater, R.A.F., who is serving on H.M.S. "Hermes," is a son of Mr. Slater, the Commissioner of the Malay States Agency, Cannon Street.

Dr. Georg Strobbe, the newly appointed German Consul-General has arrived in Shanghai accompanied by Mrs. Strobbe and his son. Dr. Strobbe and family are staying at the Astor House Hotel.

Dr. W. V. M. Koch and Mrs. Koch left for England to-day by the Blue Funnel liner "Patroclus." Travelling on the same liner are Mrs. R. E. Green-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Adams and Miss Adams and Mrs. E. G. Falot and son.

H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.) is to inspect the Mounted Infantry Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps at the stables, Causeway Bay, at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Charles Wilkinson Bewick, of Messrs. Lane, Crawford Co., Ltd., to Lily May Grimes, of 123, Wongmehing Road, also of Charles Percy Cave, assistant A.P.C., Installation, Taihoktsui, to Ida Blackmore, widow, of Sheffield, Yorkshire.

Shanghai has said goodbye to Mr. W. N. C. Allen, who, after 27 years in the Far East, sailed for Home to settle down there. Mr. Allen arrived for the Bradford Dyers' Association and has been with that firm uninterruptedly, filling the position of managing agent during the past several years.

Among the passengers who arrived yesterday by the s.s. "Empress of Canada" was Mr. E. A. Childs. Mr. Childs was until his retirement a few years ago joint manager at the Head office of the London Joint City and Midland Bank (now the Midland Bank). He is on a visit to his son, Mr. E. R. Childs, of the China Underwriters, Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nahmmacher are leaving Shanghai by the "President Lincoln" on October 28 for a holiday of four or five months in the United States.

Mr. Kang Yu-wei, called China's Modern Sage, returned to his home in Shanghai on October 9, after a trip to Dairen and South Manchuria, the Chinese newspapers report.

Sir Henry Pollock, who returned to the Colony yesterday, will resume his seat on the Legislative Council which, during his absence, has been occupied by Dr. W. V. M. Koch, who was elected to the position.

Mrs. Thomas G. McMartin and her daughter, Jean, are leaving Shanghai on November 1 for a protracted stay in the United States. Dr. McMartin expects to join his wife and daughter early in the spring.

Mr. C. W. Atkinson, General Manager of the Standard Oil Company, Mrs. Atkinson and Miss Virginia Atkinson, returned to Shanghai on October 9 on the "President Wilson" from a holiday spent in the United States.

Among the passengers who left by the Admiral Oriental liner s.s. "President McKinley" yesterday afternoon were: Mr. A. E. Ross, Manager of the China Soap Company, Hong Kong; and Mrs. Ross, for Shanghai, and Mr. S. Black, Manager of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, Hong Kong, for Shanghai.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar in which Lord Nelson met his death. The Hong Kong Branch of the Navy League is to hold a grand concert at Queen's Theatre, when the famous film depicting the Zeebrugge of the Great War will be shown for the first time. For other particulars see news pages.

The Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, who has been vacationing in Rome, departed on October 8 to Bavaria. During his visit, Prince Rupprecht, it has been declared, sanctioned the Italian Government's attitude towards the eventual union of Bavaria and the Tyrol under his rule. Rupprecht has for years been playing with the German monarchy. The Italian Foreign Office refused to confirm these statements.

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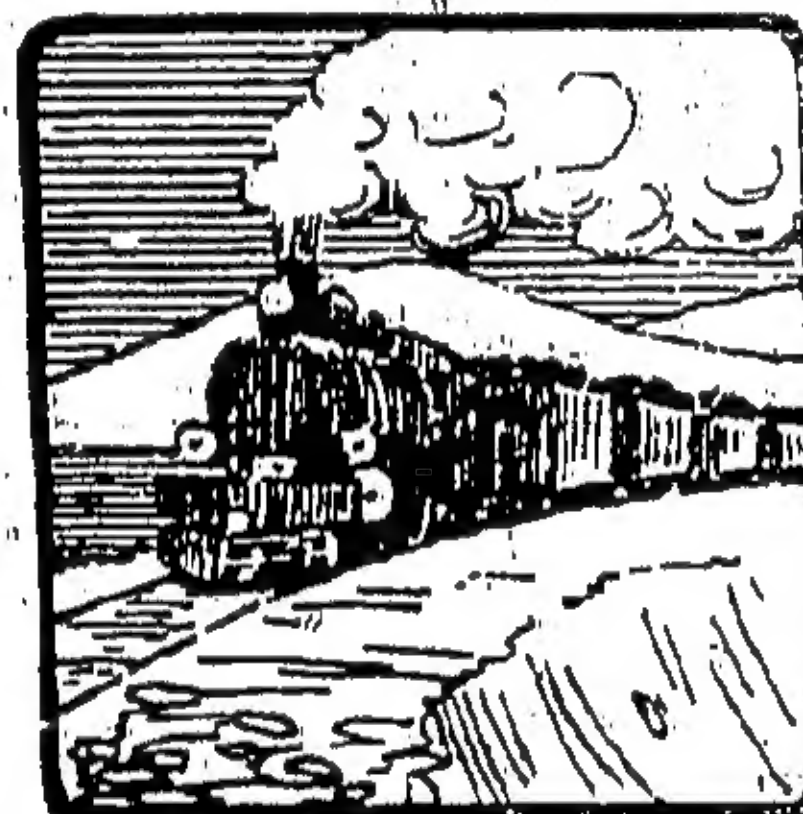
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SPORTS SECTION

VARSITY TENNIS.

INTER-FACULTY FINAL
TO-DAY.
NEW COMPETITION.

As "Lugard" Hall have in the past proved too strong for other hosts in the inter-hostel annual lawn tennis tournament at the Hong Kong University, an inter-faculty competition has been substituted this year. The final will be played to-day.

On Sunday, Medical Faculty defeated Arts Faculty by 11 games (65 to 44). Scores:—

Medical: Prof. R. E. Tottenham and A. A. Rumjahn won 25 games to 8; P. C. Lim and G. D. Sousa 19 to 14; B. H. Wong and Y. P. Ng 11 to 22—total 55 to 44.

Arts: L. Forster and L. Tak-chouk won 17 games to 16; Leong and Tan 15 to 18; B. P. Ng and H. N. Balhatchet 12 to 21—total 44 to 55.

On Monday, Arts Faculty defeated Engineering Faculty by 17 games (58 to 41). Scores:—

Arts: L. Forster and L. Tak-chouk 23 to 10; Leong and Tan 20 to 13; H. N. Balhatchet and S. Hachima 15 to 18—total 58 to 41.

Engineering: Prof. M. H. Roffey and P. W. Cheong 14 to 19; L. Tak-lam and W. Gittins 17 to 16; H. C. Hung and L. Tajima 10 to 22—total 41 to 58.

For this afternoon's final the teams will be:—

Medical: Prof. R. E. Tottenham, A. A. Rumjahn, P. C. Lim, G. D. Sousa, Y. C. Teh and D. Ljung v.

Engineering: Prof. M. H. Roffey, Prof. F. A. Redmond, P. W. Cheong, L. Tak-lam, H. C. Hung and W. Gittins.

HOCKEY MATCH.

The following will represent the University "A" against Hong Kong Hockey Club on Friday at 5.15 p.m. on the University football ground:—Y. C. Teh (capt.), Dr. F. R. Ashton, T. E. Yoon, H. Y. Leong, B. P. Ng, H. W. Ma, C. W. Lam, O. K. Ong, H. N. Balhatchet, K. T. Loke, A. Suleman.

COMPANY REPORT.

HONG KONG & CANTON ICE CO.

LOSS CARRIED FORWARD.

The report for the annual meeting on November 2 of the Hong Kong & Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., reads as follows:—

The directors herewith present to the Shareholders a statement of the Company's accounts for the year ending July 31, 1926.

The loss for the year ending July 31, 1926, amounted to \$2,798.74 which your directors recommend adding to the debit balance brought forward from last year, thus increasing the balance to \$41,285.49.

Directors.—Rev. Father Robert having left the Colony, resigned from the Board.

Retiring Directors.—Mr. T. G. Weald and Mr. Lau Yick-chek retire by rotation but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Audit.—The annexed accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith & Co., Chartered Accountants, who offer themselves for re-election.

The auditors' report reads:—We report that we have audited the above Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers of the Company in Hong Kong. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

No depreciation has been provided for.

Subject to the foregoing remarks, in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs on July 31, 1926, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

Shamien Lot No. 20 is still held in trust by the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., pending formal transfer to this Company.

Just after Mr. A. Andrews, aged 86, of Leighton Buzzard, had asked the Rev. T. Reeve to promise to conduct his burial service, the minister was taken ill and died, and his funeral was attended by Mr. Andrews.

GARRISON TENNIS.

ENGINEERS CHAMPIONS AGAIN.
R.A.O.C. RUNNERS-UP.

R.E. the G.O.C. (Major-General C. C. Luard) distributed the prizes yesterday at the conclusion of the lawn tennis tournament.

In the final of the championship doubles, Q.M.S. Turner and Sgt. Elmdon (R.E.) defeated Staff-Sgt. Curzon and Pte. Lake (R.A.O.C.) by 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

In addition to trophies for the winners and runners-up, the following League prizes were presented:—

Winners:—Royal Engineers "A" (1926) played 12, won 12.

Runners-up:—Royal Army Ordnance Corps "A" (1926) played 12, won 11.

Major-General Luard expressed great pleasure at being present to distribute the prizes. He was present on the same occasion last year and was struck by the high standard of tennis then.

He thought that there was a marked improvement this year, and congratulated the Royal Engineers for winning the League and Championship again, and the R.A.O.C. for getting up such a good show. He also congratulated the various officials and the hon. secretary, Q.M.S. Steele, for the good work they had done.

Chairs for Major-General and Mrs. Luard brought the presentation to a close.

Others present included Major J. J. Lightfoot, O.B.E. (President of the Club), Col. C. Russell Brown, R.E., and Major V. B. Stevenson (President of the tennis section).

Next Race Meeting.

Races will be held by the Hong Kong Jockey Club on November 6—the 5th extra-meeting of the season.

Entries close this Saturday and forms are available at the usual places.

FEE LESSONS.

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FEATURE.

FOR RED-CROSS MEN.

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to approve that, in recognition of the services of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong Corps, "efficient" members may attend classes at the Technical Institute on payment of half-fee (i.e., \$5 per term of 4 months, instead of \$10), and that fees thus paid will be refunded to those who pass the examination held at the end of the session.

It is hoped that there will be a large response to this offer.

A list of classes is given below; other classes may be formed if there is any demand.

Those desiring to join should send in their names at once through their Divisional Officers, Classes.

In Hong Kong:—Building Construction, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Practical and Theoretical Chemistry, Physics, English I, English II, Shorthand (Beginners and Advanced), Book-keeping, Translation (Chinese and English), Teachers' Classes (open to non-teachers), Hygiene.

In Kowloon:—Mathematics, Practical and Theoretical Chemistry, Physics, Cookery, French, Shorthand (Beginners and Advanced).

POPE IS BIBLIOPHILE; KEEN EYE FOR PRIZES.

Rome, September 5.—Pope Pius XI is a bibliophile, and used to be an enthusiastic Alpinist. There is an Alpine refuge named after him in the Italian Alps near Courmayeur.

Always a bookman, the Pope's appointment, when he lived in Milan, as chief librarian of the Ambrosian Library confirmed him in his passion.

His Holiness still collects books in a small way, and has a keen eye for a prize.

His Holiness can take a hand at cards, and occasionally plays a game of chess with some cardinal of the Roman curia. "United Press."

CHURCH IN CHINA.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETS IN SHANGHAI.

SUN VAT-SEN QUOTED.

The chief subjects brought before the National Christian Council last Friday (at the meeting in Shanghai) were the work during the year, its programme for the future, and the basis of its co-operation.

It was felt by some of those present that the National Christian Council should provide a united objective for the Christian movement in China which could be embodied to some extent in a programme. As to just what the programme should contain, however, was not decided. It was urged that the National Christian Council should arrange its work so as to give more attention to those people in and around rural churches which comprise about eighty per cent. of the Chinese people.

To many of these it was felt that hitherto the work of the Council had meant little or nothing. Reference was made to the Kuomintang as interested in rural work. The late Dr. Sun Yat-sen was quoted as saying: "The biggest thing that Christianity can do for China is to organise the villages along Christian lines."

Staff Depleted.

Another member urged that while the chief effort of the Christian forces should be to produce a religious experience and attitude, nevertheless demonstration along practical lines is also needed. Some felt that if the life of Christians is awakened they will naturally take up the question of the practical application of Christian principles along social and international lines.

It was moreover emphasised that in the last analysis the National Christian Council must depend on the efforts of all its members, and not alone on the work of the staff which has, for various reasons, been considerably depleted during the past year.

Special appreciative references were made to the work of the Council in connection with religious education, retreats, anti-opium work, and the social application of Christianity.

Recent Changes.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by Dr. C. Y. Cheng, one of the secretaries of the Council. In all they had held thirty meetings. This large number was due largely to the effect upon the Christian movement of the events of May 30. The Committee had studied the attitude of missions to the "Tolerance Clauses" sent a special letter to the Shanghai Municipal Council, and prepared and distributed a special message to the Chinese Church.

Miss Fan, the only woman secretary, has been obliged to resign on account of ill-health.

Miss L. Haas has been nominated by the Y.W.C.A. for work in connection with the Industrial Committee, and Mr. C. L. Boynton, until recently Principal of the Shanghai American School, has accepted the position of office secretary, which work he will take up early in 1927.

The Council published over 6,000,000 copies of various publications during the year.

A World Conference.

Dr. R. Y. Lo, editor of the "Chinese Christian Advocate," represented the National Christian Council of China at the annual meeting of the National Christian Council of Japan.

Mr. S. C. Leung, a Y.M.C.A. secretary at Canton, also represented the National Christian Council of China at the meeting of the International Missionary Council which was recently held in Sweden.

In January, 1926, a special conference of Chinese and Western Christian workers was held in Shanghai with Dr. John R. Mott. Dr. Mott announced that a World Christian Conference would be held in Jerusalem in 1928, limited to 200 delegates. China is to be represented by 20 delegates, of whom two-thirds are to be Chinese. The Council has been asked to arrange for this Chinese delegation.

Dr. Robert Speer gave an address. He outlined the work of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. This organisation officially represents 20 to 25 Christian organisations in America, which number in the aggregate from 25 to 30 millions of Christians. It is composed of from 400 to 500 people elected once in four years. These again work through an Executive Committee representing all the co-operative denominations.

\$10,000,000 LOAN.

CAPTAIN LOWENSTEIN'S OFFER.

AN EXTRAORDINARY STORY.

Brussels, Sept. 3.—Nothing is known in official circles about Captain Lowenstein's offer to place \$10,000,000 for a minimum of two years at the disposal of the Belgian Government without any charge of interest and without pledging any of the national assets whether in Belgium itself or in the Congo.

Captain A. Lowenstein, whose signature is on the two telegrams addressed to the "Soir," is a financier whose activities are mostly to be met with on the international market, his speciality being traction and electric undertakings, and he is the principal mover in the Barcelona tramways, which are to be inaugurated in the next few days; in the Brazilian Traction Company; and in the International Hydro-Electric Company, which is interested in the development of electrical energy and traction in many parts of the world. He is also known to be deeply interested in many Canadian concerns.

Captain Lowenstein is a Belgian by birth, and served in the Belgian Army during the war. Through his relations with Portugal he was able to do service to his country in the obtaining of artillery at a critical moment.

The reception given to the announcement of the offer is very mixed in the Press. Some newspapers ignore the matter altogether, and others content themselves with reproducing the messages published in the "Soir" with the official statement that nothing is known in Ministerial circles of the matter.

Looking For a Coup.

On the Bourne the offer is regarded with some reserve, especially by those on the look out for coups. It is known that Captain Lowenstein is occupied in the formation of an international trust to group his many activities connected with electric traction, and one paper suggests that such a trust would be in a strong position if it could demand for the proffered millions not interest or other charges, but some compensation in its own line of business, such as, for example, the electrification of the whole Belgian Railway system or a concession for the utilisation of the country's water power for electric power.

A well-known banker considers that a loan with or without interest for a short period would be a dangerous thing for the country, and expresses the opinion that even if the offer were seriously made, the Government would do well not to accept. From the optimism displayed by M. Francqui, the Minister for the Treasury, in a declaration to the Press to-day, it would seem that in any case the offer has come too late.

M. Francqui pointed out that 95 per cent. of private holders of Treasury Bonds had accepted without protest the conversion into railway bonds. He stated that the work of reorganising the country's finances had been got over, and he gave the country an assurance that no new sacrifices would be asked of the nation.

Private Army of Officials.

Captain A. Lowenstein, the Belgian multi-millionaire, who is at Biarritz with a retinue including four aeroplanes and innumerable cars, typists, clerks, and officials, intends to leave for Barcelona on Sunday. He is so surrounded with secretaries, transport, air, and health "ministries" that he is virtually a State unto himself.

Captain Lowenstein has a privately hired fleet of four huge air expresses—the fourth one went out from England on Wednesday—with their pilots and mechanics. Three are housed on Biarritz aerodrome, and the fourth, an amphibian, on a nearby lake. He has engaged seven villas, one being set aside for the pilots and one for a secretariat comprising 40 typists and numerous departmental controllers, officials and messengers. He has hired or purchased an enormous fleet of high-powered motor cars, and has in continual readiness a small army of chauffeurs. He retains the services of a battalion of tennis instructors and sports and dancing professionals.

Undisclosed Business.

The purpose of all these elaborate preparations is kept a dark secret. Although numerous rumours are circulated, none has so far survived investigation. The air transport company which owns the aeroplanes cannot, even if they were willing to do so, give information about a private charter. The report of the Belgian "Soir," mentioned in yesterday's "Morning Post," that Captain Lowenstein had offered to place \$10,000,000 at the disposal of the Belgian Government without interest for two years has not yet been confirmed in London.

A former Under-Secretary of State for Air, Captain the Hon. F. Guest, recently travelled to Biarritz in one of Captain Lowenstein's machines.

Meanwhile, Captain Lowenstein lives in incomparable splendour, giving orders like one who rules the earth and has dominion over its riches. Typists follow him about ready to take down all he dictates at any time of the day or night. Even at dinner, and while he is at his morning toilet, typists are in attendance.

His pilots are ready to carry passengers to any part of Europe at a moment's notice, and a complete disregard for economy seems to pervade the whole undertaking.

PASSPORTS CASE.

MR. KAO STILL IN CUSTODY.

AN EXTRAORDINARY STORY.

Peking, October 6.—An effort to win the freedom of Kao Chih-chao, chairman of the Peking General Chamber of Commerce, arrested a fortnight ago for alleged complicity in a deal for getting American passports for a group of men who sought to enter the United States as representatives of the Chamber at the Philadelphia international exposition now in progress, was unsuccessful yesterday, according to the Chinese press.

A committee of five directors of the chamber called in the Superintendent of Police, Li Shou-chin, and offered to put up guarantees for Mr. Kao's appearance whenever wanted.

The committee was received by the Police Superintendent, but the latter refused to grant freedom to the chamber president, stating that the investigation of his case is not yet completed. Mr. Wang Tsing-hsuan, cashier of the chamber and who was arrested at the same time as the president was, has been granted freedom and completely exonerated of all blame in the case.

Mr. Kao is charged with having sought to help twenty non-members of the Chamber of Commerce to get American passports as delegates of the Chamber to the Sesqui-centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. He is alleged to have received pay from the men for his services in helping them get the passports.

He pleaded, in extenuation of his efforts, that the Peking Chamber would "lose face" if it had no delegates present at Philadelphia. No members or directors of the Chamber were willing to go; therefore, he sought other men to represent the organisation. He made this plea before the Directors of the Chamber, it was reported some time ago, and there was a tendency on the part of his fellow directors to take him at his word.

PEKING CRIME.

COURAGEOUS SHOPKEEPER WOUNDED.

Peking, Oct. 7.

To-day had its usual number of robbery reports in the police yamen, according to Chinese information.

One notable case developed into a mere attempt at robbery, in which the culprits made use of dust raised by a passing motorcar to make good their escape, after having shot a shopkeeper through the eye for his temerity in resisting them.

The shopkeeper, an aged man named Ma, who runs a money-exchange shop outside Sun Chih-men, was about to close up for the day when two men rushed into his place, one equipped with a pistol and another with a naked bayonet. The old man grappled with them and prevented them from getting behind the counter where his money was stored. The man with the pistol first fired in the air, but when the pair saw that pistol-fire did not frighten the old man, the pistol-wielder shot at him, the bullet entering his right eye.

The men then ran out, the old man after them. Police soon were on hand in answer to the shouting, but a passing motorcar, which the robbers took could not be ascertained—Chung Mei.

CABLE ACCOUNTS.

FOREIGN COMPANIES NOW FORWARDING WIRES.

Shanghai, Oct. 9.—The three foreign cable companies, the Great Northern, the Eastern Extension and the Commercial Pacific, referring to the statement issued on September 30 in regard to the companies' refusal to accept from the Chinese Telegraph Administration telegrams, other than Government telegrams, unless accompanied by cash, have issued another statement to the following effect:—

That the Chinese Telegraph Administration are now settling daily their accounts with the companies for all telegrams handed over at Shanghai, that all delayed telegrams were handed over by the Administration on October 2 and duly forwarded by the companies to their destination, and that since that date telegrams from all inland places have been transmitted as usual.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 20, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estate Brokers' Share & Bond Society.
T.T. on London	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	79 1/4	79 1/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	116 1/2 to 115 1/2	115 1/2	117 1/2
do. London.	112 1/2 n	112 1/2	112 1/2
Chartered Bank	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4
do. C.	21 1/4	21 1/4	21 1/4
P. & O. Bank	20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4
Bank of East Asia	84	82	7 1/2
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	62 1/2 b. & 1/4	62 1/2	62 1/2
China Underwriters	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2
North China Insurance	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Union Insurance	20 1/2 to 20 1/4	20 1/2	20 1/2
Yangtze Insurance	36	40	20 1/2
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	200	200	200
H.K. Fire Insurance	610	610	610
Shipping.			
Douglases	30	30	30
Hongkong Steamboats.	29	29	29
H.K. Tugs & Lighters.	2	2 1/2	2
Indo-China (Pref)	30	30	30
do. (Def.)	42	40	40
Shell Transports	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Star Ferries	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Water-boats	15	15	15
Refineries.			
China Sugars	24	24 1/2	24 1/2
Malabon Sugars	36	35	36
Mining.			
Benjamins	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Kailan Mining Ad.	40 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Lan-kats (Combined)	28 1/2	27 1/2	28 1/2
do. (Single)	13	14 1/2	14 1/2
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Shanghai Loan	13	13	13
Raubas	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Tromoh Mines	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Ural Caspians	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & W. Wharves	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
H.K. & K. Docks	50	58	60
Hongkewas	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
New Engineerings	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Shanghai Docks	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Hongkong Lands	65	64 1/2	64 1/2
Hongkong Realty	7 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
H.K. Territorial	4	4	4
Humphreys Estates	16 1/2	16	16
Prince's Building	80	87	87
Rural Lands	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	10 1/2 to 10 1/4	10 1/2	10 1/2
Oriental	3 1/2 to 3 1/4	3 1/2	3 1/2
Shanghai Cottons (old)	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
do. (new)	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5	5	5
Cements (comb.)	13 to 13 1/4	14 1/2	14 1/2
do. (old)	12	12	12
do. (new)	2	2 1/2	2 1/2
China Buses	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
China Lights (comb.)	21 1/2	21	21
do. (old)	14 1/2	14	14
do. (new)	11 1/2	11	11
China Prov.	6 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Dairy Farms	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Der A. Wing	6	7	7
Hongkong Amusements.	12	12 1/2	12 1/2
H.K. Constructions	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Hongkong Electric	67 1/2 to 67 1/4	65 1/2	66 1/2
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	28	30	30
do. (old)	10	10	10
do. (new)	5	5	5
Hongkong Tramways	25 1/2	25	25 1/2
Lane, Crawford	8	7	7
Macao Electric	35	35	35
Mackintosh	10 1/2	9	9
Nanyang Tobaccos	15 1/2	16	16
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2	16	16
do. (new)	7 1/2	8	8
Sinceres	11	10 1/2	10 1/2
Singapore Trams	15 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Taxis	2	2	2
United Asbestos			
do. (Pounders)	20	18	18
do. (Ordinary)	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Wm. Powells	6 1/2	5	5
H.K. Telephones	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2

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People and Events in the News of the World



Miss M. A. Gunn, of the Mitcham A. C., who broke the world's record for amateur women jumpers with a leap of eighteen feet at a recent meet at Stamford Bridge.



Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "big woman," declared she saw Henry de la B. Carpenter and Willie Stevens at the scene of the Hall-Mills murder. She is shown on the stand at their hearing before Judge Frank L. Cloary at Somerville, N.J.



Gilda Gray, who made a world shimmy, has deserted the quiver that made her famous. She says the day of the shimmy is past and now she'll devote her time and many talents to popularising her South Sea dance.



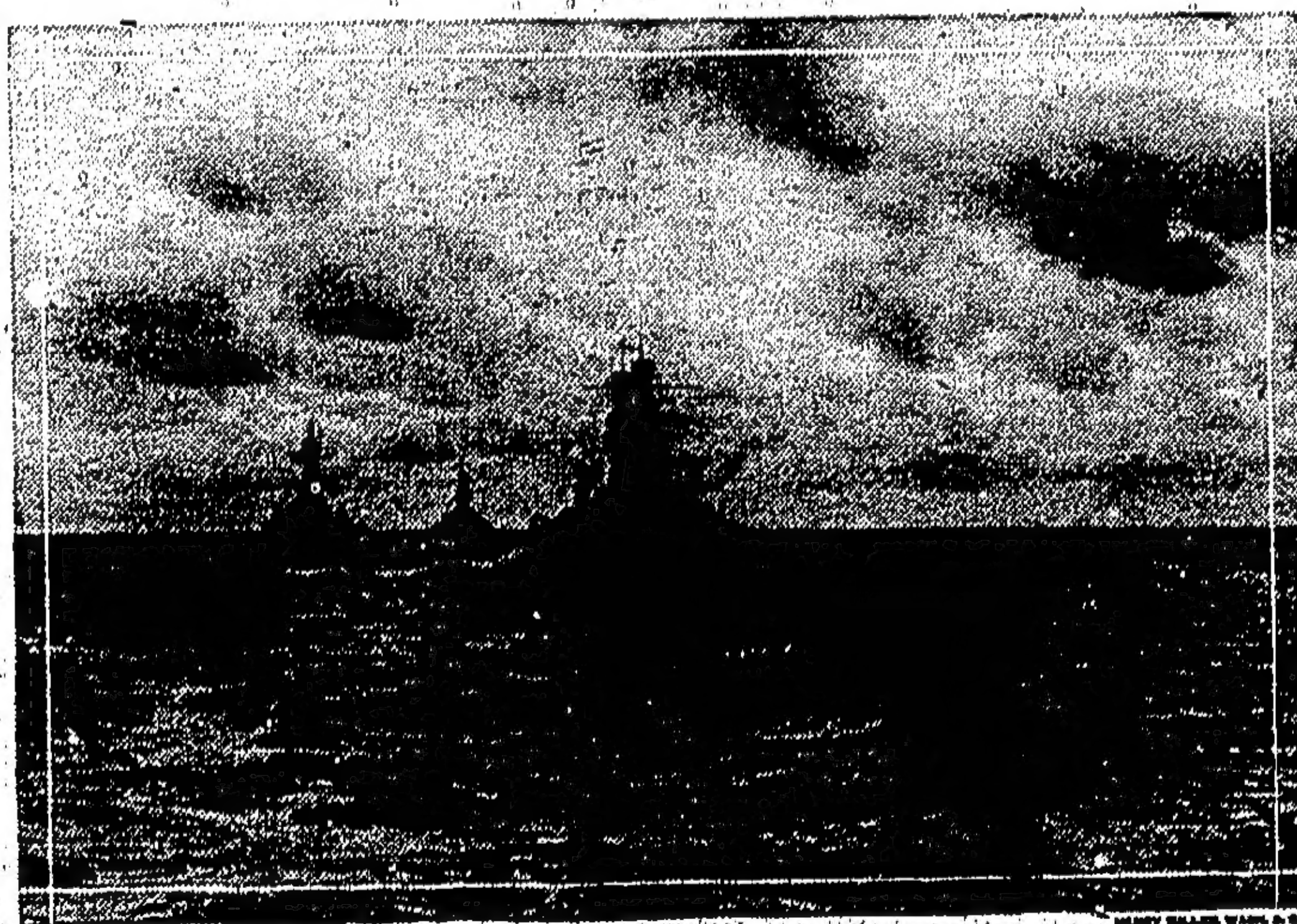
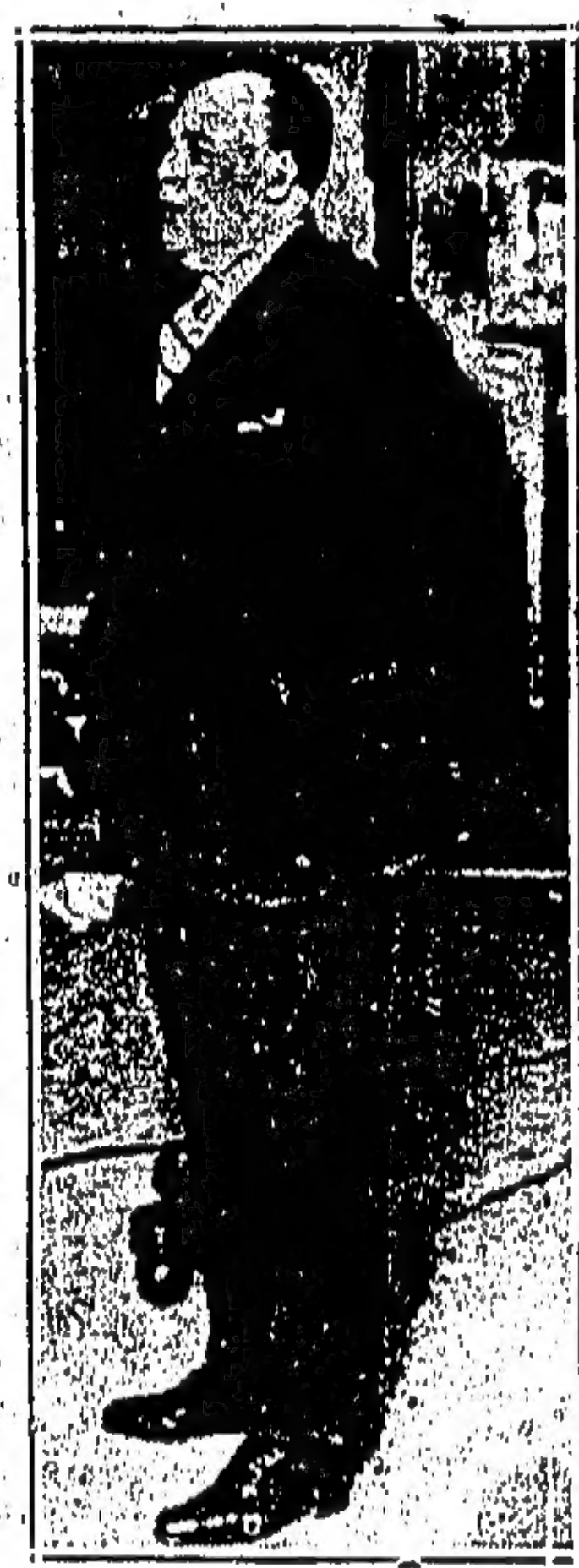
Andrew Melch (centre), Secretary of the Treasury, conferred with Premier Mussolini (right), and Comte Volpi (left), secretary of the Italian treasury during his visit to Rome.



Doris Duke, (13), one of the richest girls in the world. Though she will inherit much of the \$150,000,000 Duke estate, she dresses simply.



Mir Y. Teran (left), attorney, and Luis W. Morones, Secretary of Commerce and Industry, debated the Government's religious policy in Mexico City. The clash between the twenty-year-old lawyer and the older man was declared dramatic.



Dreadnoughts of the United States Fleet form a beautiful silhouette as in battle formation they steam into San Francisco Bay following recent manoeuvres in the Pacific.



A member of the Fascisti placed a wreath inscribed, "from Benito Mussolini" on the casket of Rudolph Valentino as it lay in state in New York.



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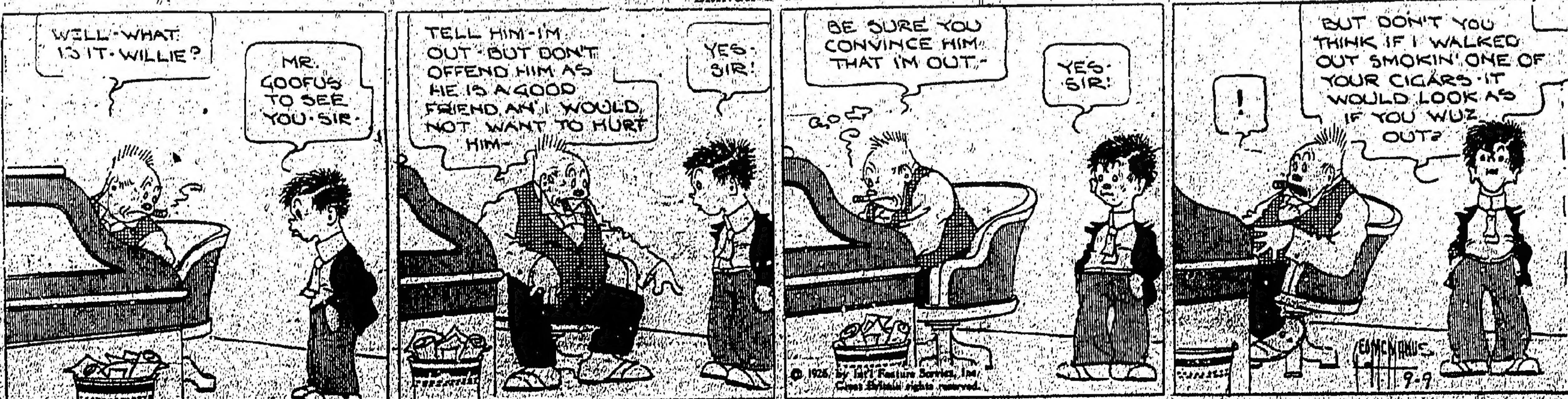
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ALLEGED PICKETS.

STORY OF STOLEN MARKET PRODUCE.

CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

The case, in which two men, alleged to be pickets, were charged with being in possession of stolen vegetables, was again before Major Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

It was alleged by the complainants that the defendants were among a number of armed pickets who forcibly took possession of their boat and cargo in Chinese territory and later brought the produce to Hong Kong for sale.

Chief Detective Inspector Murphy asked for permission to withdraw the case, intimating that he had been unable to get witnesses from the country to give evidence of the transfer of the cargo.

Mr. D. McCallum, defending, said that the two men had been in custody for almost a month, and so far as they were concerned they were victims of other men's avariciousness. The charges against them were false and they should leave the court without a stain on their character.

Defendants were discharged.

COMMERCE OPTIMISM

ADVISED BY CHINESE MERCHANTS.

Reference to the happy termination of the anti-British boycott was made at a meeting yesterday of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce over which Mr. Li Yau-tsun presided supported by Mr. J. M. Wong and Mr. In Lan-chuen.

There were still some merchants, said the chairman, who were hesitating regarding a full return to normal trading, but he advised an immediate return of confidence. He was sure that the leaders of the principal trade guilds in Canton would not be so unwise as to enter into another movement which would mean suffering to them all.

Fares to Canton.

At the request of a number of travellers between Canton and Hong Kong, the Committee authorised the Secretary of the Chamber to ask the several steamship companies to lower the third class fare, if possible. It was felt that the charge of two dollars, Hong Kong currency, or three dollars in Canton Central Bank notes for a single trip was proving a hardship to many.

Raising of Rents.

Three complaints of unreasonable raising of rent were considered. One alleged that the landlord had raised the rent four times within a few months, from \$28 to \$45 a month. The Committee instructed the Secretary of the Chamber to write to the landlord on behalf of

the complainant. The Committee was of the opinion that all landlords should pay special attention to the present business conditions in the Colony and should not increase rentals unnecessarily.

Fishing Junks.

Mr. J. M. Wong, vice-chairman of the Chamber, at the request of many interested in the subject, brought up the question of action for the benefit of the fishing junks sailing out from Hong Kong and the vicinity. A number of lives were lost in the recent typhoon and the possibility of following the practice in Taiwan, where towing launches are engaged to tow fishing junks in and out to save time was discussed. It was thought that such a use of steam or motor boats would not only save time for the fishing junks but lives in time of danger. Launches with wireless at sea would be advised of an approaching typhoon and there might be other signals to hasten the return of fishing junks which otherwise would remain in ignorance of approaching danger. Moreover, it was thought that the speedier trips of the fishing junks would develop the industry and provide more fish for the local market. After discussion the matter was referred to the fishing guilds.

FORMER SENATOR PETTIGREW DEAD.

St. Louis, S. D., Oct. 6.—Former Senator Richard Franklin Pettigrew died here to-day. He brought down the wrath of the public upon his head in the days of the Spanish-American war by violently attacking President McKinley, by belittling the American army, and glorifying General Aguinaldo of the Philippines on the floor of the United States Senate.

Former Senator Pettigrew was indicted in the fall of 1917 on charges of obstructing the draft. In a newspaper interview he said that the United States had no right to enter the World war and that "it was forced upon the United States by a man who had been a school-teacher all his life and who was used to having his own way about things."—"Associated Press."

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LORRY DEATH.

DRIVER CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

INQUIRY TO BE HELD.

Before Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the driver of a Sanitary Department motor lorry was charged with manslaughter. Defendant was involved in an accident in which a woman was knocked down in Nathan Road last week and subsequently died.

An application for a remand was made by Sub-Inspector Nicoll. His Worship granted the remand, but said that before hearing the case an inquiry would be held with a jury to ascertain the cause of the woman's death.

Defendant being unable to find bail in the sum of \$300, he was remanded.

U. S. AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON SEAL FISHERIES OPPOSED.

Washington, Oct. 9.—The American Government will "look with disfavour" upon any attempt by the Japanese government to insist that the United States participate in a conference by Japan, Russia, Great Britain and herself, to modify the four-power treaty of 1911 regulating seal fisheries in the north Pacific.

The report circulating in political circles that Japan is planning to force the issue has not reached the official ears of the State Department, according to a well informed source, and therefore no occasion for comment has arisen.

It is known however that the United States stands on her refusal to negotiate with Russia as long as the Soviet government is not recognised by the United States. The suggestion being passed around in official circles that Japan might be trying to hurry the United States into a position where she must recognise Russia, is greatly discounted by administration officials.

The Japanese government frankly claims, in diplomatic exchanges, that the United States has already unduly delayed the four-power conference which Japan regards as urgent. Moreover the Japanese government is known to have intimated that it would force the question on the ground that article 13 of the treaty states that a conference of the signatories is compulsory on the request of any one of them.

Therefore, it is said, if the United States persists in her refusal to attend the conference, Japan could make the United States appear in the light of having violated her treaty obligations.—"United Press."

The Colombian Government proposes to float an international loan of \$100,000,000 in 1927 for building railways and highways.

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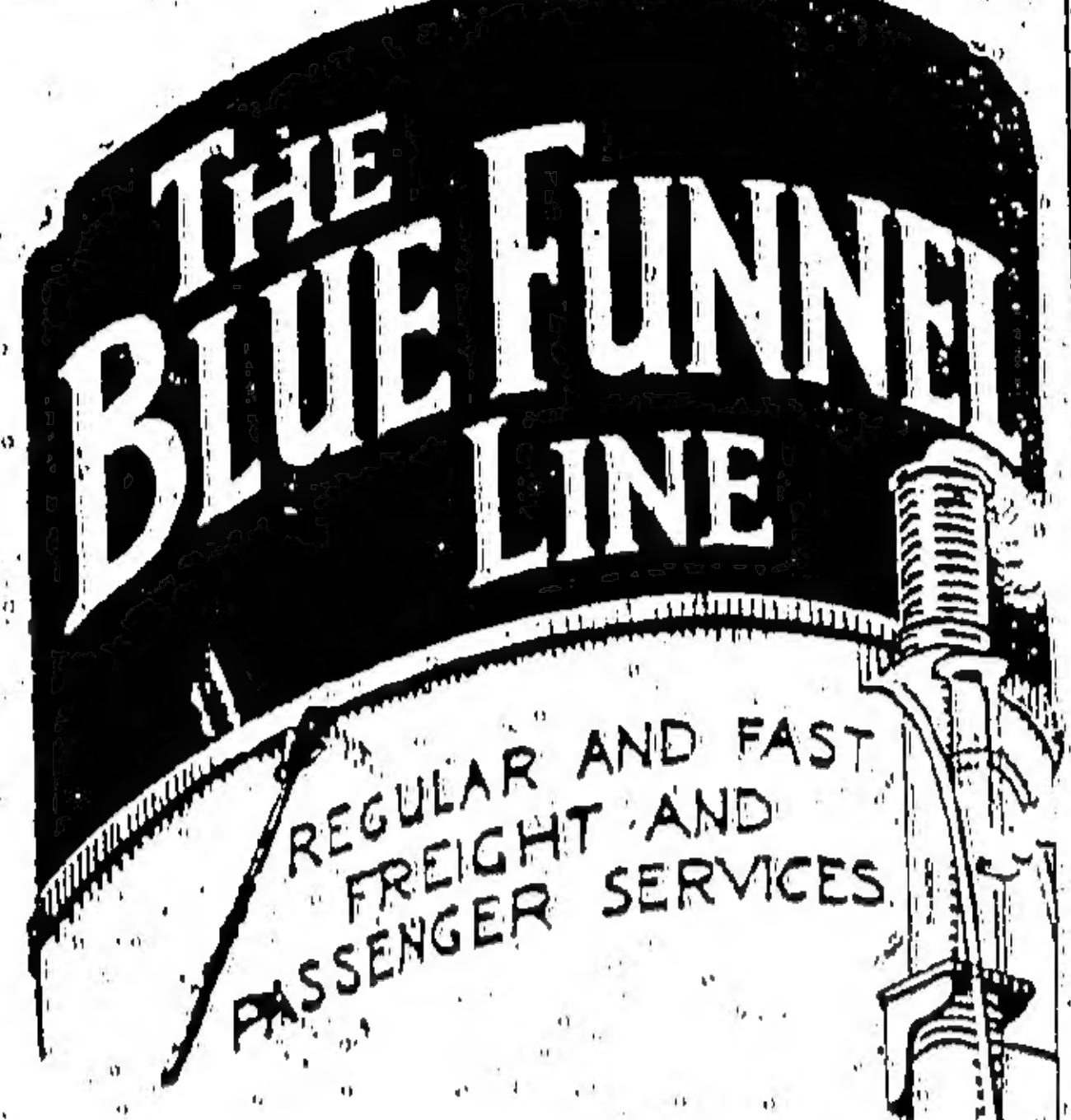
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Shanghai								
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai								
Manila								
Japan								
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Kongmoon, Kumbhuk & Kankong								
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Shanghai								
Bangkok								
Kongmoon, Kumbhuk & Kankong								
Shanghai								
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, & EUROPE via Marseilles								
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IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

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PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH.

Network of Contacts Established.

Rugby, October 19.

The Imperial Conference, as its first official act, passed unanimously a message of greeting and fidelity to Their Majesties the King and Queen, expressing the earnest hope that their Majesties might long be spared to strengthen the ties of affection and devotion uniting the peoples of the British Commonwealth under the Crown.

Mr. S. Baldwin then addressed the Conference. After welcoming the members he paid a tribute to the memory of two men who had made a great contribution to previous Imperial Conferences, and whose deaths were deeply deplored by all, namely, Mr. W. F. Massey, late Premier of New Zealand, and Lord Curzon, late a Foreign Minister.

It had been suggested from time to time, he said, that little was accomplished at these Imperial gatherings. Since the first Colonial Conference was held in 1887 less than 40 years had elapsed—not long in the history of a nation, much less of a great Commonwealth of nations. Yet in that time how much had been accomplished! In 1887 there was no Commonwealth of Australia and South Africa, no Irish Free State, and no full representation of India such as existed today. Apart from defence hardly any matters of larger policy came before that Conference, which was confined to questions not indeed without importance but mainly of a secondary kind. The present Conference would not be confined to questions of that order, his discussions would extend over the whole field of Imperial and international policy and relations.

A Far-Reaching Change.

This growth of the importance of matters which had come before successive Conferences was the outcome of the very conspicuous and far-reaching changes which had taken place during that time in the relations between the component parts of the Empire. Coupled with a continuous process of extension of self-government and the development of national consciousness, there had been a continuous necessity for adapting the relations between the Government in Great Britain and the other Governments of the Empire to the altered state of affairs. It was in guiding this growth, and in assisting this adaptation, that above all the value of successive and increasingly frequent Conferences had lain. Without them it was hardly conceivable that the changes of the past 40 years, so far from weakening the ties which bound the Empire together, should have contributed to the final mental unity and strength which displayed itself to the amazement and admiration of the world during the four years of war.

Common Ideals.

Proceeding Mr. Baldwin said:—"We have gradually built up a whole network of contacts extending throughout the entire fabric of our respective national organisations, official and unofficial. This network extends from the Crown, which unites all by a common bond, through the whole range of Government activities—justice, foreign policy, defence, finance, trade, communications, migration, education, and so forth—and is completed by a thousand social links of race, religion, language, science, literature, drama, and sport. From these we derive those common ideals, interests, and mutual sympathies which put us as a group of nations to each other in a degree from that in which each stands toward the nations outside the family."

Foreign Policy.

Nowhere had the necessity for adjusting relations between the Governments of the Empire been more conspicuous than in the region of foreign policy. He recalled that at the Imperial Conference of 1911 Sir Edward Grey (now Lord Grey) for the first time made a comprehensive statement on foreign policy to the representatives of the Dominions. Sir Edward Grey then pointed out that the creation of separate fleets and forces in the Dominions had rendered essential a common foreign policy for the Empire. That problem we had already gone

some way to meet. The first conspicuous demonstration of the changes which had taken place in the sphere of foreign affairs was the Imperial War Cabinet of 1917. This was followed by the Empire delegation at the Peace Conference. At the last two Imperial Conferences not only had a common understanding been arrived at regarding the principles which should govern the main issues of foreign policy, but also agreements had been reached on the administrative side of foreign relations in matters of major importance.

Washington Conference.

Reference need only be made to the part played by the Conference of 1921 in the discussion which preceded the Washington Disarmament Conference and the work of the Conference of 1923—firstly on the problem of reparations, which led up to the agreements reached in 1924; and, secondly, on the question of amending off the United States coast, which had resulted in the conclusion of a Treaty for the regulation of the liquor traffic.

Apart from the meetings of the Imperial Conference there had been a number of international conferences since the war at which the Dominions had been represented and played an important part in addition to periodical meetings of the Assembly of the League of Nations where there had invariably been a close and constant touch between the respective representatives.

Diffusion of Information.

Side by side with an increase in the opportunities for an interchange of views afforded by personal contact at such Conferences had gone an continuous increase in the diffusion of information. Day by day the Prime Ministers of the Dominions were kept informed by cablegram and despatch of every important development and tendency. The present Prime Minister of Australia had supplemented this system by the appointment in London of personal liaison officers in close touch with the responsible authorities in this country.

A beginning had also been made on the more formal side in indicating the principles governing our national and international relations. He would mention particularly the resolution on the signature, negotiations, and ratification of Treaties which was agreed to at the Imperial Conference of 1923, and which had since been accepted by all the Governments represented here. It might well be that this resolution, in the light of experience, now needed clarification and amplification in certain ways. But its usefulness had been amply demonstrated within the last three years.

Defence Problems.

In the field of Imperial defence there had been steadily if unobtrusive progress toward improving the facilities for co-operation if necessity should unhappily arise. The long drawn-out controversy of the early part of the century between advocates of Dominion Navies and Dominion contributions to a single Imperial Navy had long since died away in the natural and inevitable course of constitutional development. The principle of Dominion Navies was established, and was not merely accepted but was wholeheartedly endorsed by the Admiralty.

He warmly welcomed the step recently taken by India in establishing a Royal Indian Navy. At the end of this year we should be entering upon a Conference with representatives of the Irish Free State with a view to the undertaking by the Free State of a share in her own coastal defence.

A regular system for an interchange of British and Australian cruisers was now in operation.

Dependence on Navies.

Our Navies, on which we depended in the last resort for our corporate existence, remained one of the strongest possible bonds that united us. In the land forces also much had been done to facilitate co-operation and formation, and throughout the Empire these were organised in general on similar lines. A human bond was created by a system of interchange of officers and by personal visits of officers to and from the Dominions.

In the air arm, whose actual and potential importance as a link between the Motherland and the Dominions not only from the point of view of Imperial defence, but also from that of Imperial communications, had been strikingly demonstrated by the recent long distance flights, contact and co-operation were being secured by correspondence.

Empire Trade.

The third and not least important head under which the work of the Imperial Conference might be classified was that of Empire trade and Empire settlement. Substantial results had followed from the preference accorded in the Dominions to Empire goods, and he was confident that the measure of preference which we in this country had been able to afford, even under our very limited tariff system—and supplemented as it would be in the future by the operations of the newly established Empire Marketing Boards—had increased and would increase the flow of inter-Imperial trade.

Consulting the Dominions.

The Prime Minister added that perhaps the most important question which would arise at the present Conference in regard to foreign affairs was the admitted necessity for an improvement in the present system of communication and consultation between the Governments of the Empire. In the sphere of defence there were matters which required careful joint consideration. In regard to Empire trade and settlement he hoped that each of the Governments represented would give the subject of the economic needs of the countries which they represented most sympathetic consideration and the fullest practical encouragement to the development of inter-Imperial trade.

A Private Speech.

To-morrow's sitting of the Conference will be devoted to a frank survey by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, of the whole field of foreign policy and relationships. His speech will not be published.—British Wireless Service.

COAL STRUGGLE.

OVER 14,000 MORE MEN RESUME.

LATEST FIGURES.

London, Oct. 19. The official figures show that 14,475 more miners were working to-day than yesterday. The total at work is now 233,000.—Reuter.

"Red" Money.

Moscow, Oct. 19. The Central Council of Soviet Trade Unions has transferred another half a million roubles to the British Miners' Federation for the relief of miners. This amount represents deductions of one per cent. on monthly wages.—Reuter.

VOLCANO ERUPTS.

ASHES SIX INCHES DEEP.

Tokyo, Oct. 19.

Early this morning Tarumaye Volcano in Hokkaido erupted, throwing up vast columns of black smoke to a great height, scattering quantities of ashes miles around, including the towns of Tomakomai and Horobetsu where they are six inches deep. Several minor eruptions and also quakes followed, but no casualties are reported.—Reuter.

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